

## IL exchange rate plan in Cabinet today

By GIDION ESHET  
Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter

THE CABINET IS scheduled to discuss today a proposed bill to regulate the exchange rate, one of whose features will provide a choice of linking the Israeli pound either to one foreign currency or to a "basket" of several currencies, as has been long suggested by the Bank of Israel.

At an informal meeting of the Ministerial committee which decides on devaluations, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday, it was agreed to link the pound to such a basket, after the bill is passed by the Knesset.

The major reason for this is the upward trend in the value of the U.S. dollar compared to other currencies. The Israeli pound, linked to the dollar, thus has been rising along with it *vis-à-vis* European currencies — especially sterling — undermining export efforts.

### Help for investors

If the Cabinet does not have sufficient time to discuss this bill, it will pass it on to the Ministerial Economic Committee. Another item on today's Cabinet agenda is approval of the new Capital Investment Encouragement Law. An item which the Cabinet's agenda does not include — but which certainly will cause it concern — is the growing gap in the budget. The recent increases in expenditures, such as the additional IL440m. in wages to civil servants and IL200m. in Eged subsidies, are considered small items compared with the problem of IL2,000m. shortage in anticipated revenues. The main cause of this shortage is the shortfall in sales of Government bonds, due to reduction of their linkage to the Consumers Price Index to 10 per cent.

Treasury sources say one plan to close the gap calls for incentives to be offered to the public or keeping their bonds rather than redeeming them. Another, more serious plan, is to change the income tax rates. One source said there is a plan to increase the tax rates by 10 per cent (that is, from 25 per cent to 35 per cent, from 35 to 45 per cent, and so on).

### Fixing the brackets

However, the least troublesome way, according to another Treasury source, would be simply to refrain from enlarging the current tax brackets in October, when the Cost-of-Living Allowance is increased. This would mean amending the present tax law, which says that if the index rises by more than five per cent in a six-month period, the tax bracket must be increased correspondingly. This would mean that if a 10 per cent rise occurred, the 25 per cent tax would apply to income up to IL3,300, instead of IL3,000 as at present.

The plan says that in October, when an estimated 13 per cent cost-of-living increase is added, the tax rate would remain the same as now, thus producing higher tax income, both from individuals and companies.

At a meeting with Premier Yitzhak Rabin last week, however, Deputy Income Tax Commissioner Amri Zuckerman objected to this, saying such a step would be a violation of the tax reform instituted last year. (It was on the basis of the tax reform logic that the Government insisted on eliminating the specific allowances added to income tax employees.)

As to another alternative — a cut in the budget, which is favoured by various officials, MKs and economists — Treasury officials claim this is impossible because by this time the various ministries have undertaken contractual obligations based on the budget, and there is no sufficient political power to force such a cut over the objections from the various ministries.

### One boy dead, another badly hurt on roads

RE — A tractor driven by a chain resident on Friday hit a year-old boy of the same village, near Danan, injuring him fatally. A boy died shortly after being admitted to Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

Another boy, Haim Bryl, five, of Hov Radak in Be'er Brak, was badly injured when hit by a truck near his home Friday evening. The driver fled the scene, but police later arrested a suspect. The boy is in the Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer in serious condition.

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## New policy on Arab citizens in the works

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

THE CABINET IS today expected to hold its long-delayed discussion of changes in policy towards the Arab population.

The deliberations, which come in the wake of the March 30 demonstrations in the Arab populated areas of Galilee around the issue of land expropriation there, will kick off a week of movement around the issue of minorities policy. On Monday, Prime Minister Rabin is scheduled to meet with the executive committee of the Organization of Arab Local Authorities. This organization officially opposed the March 30 demonstrations which resulted in four deaths. In retaliation, many of its members have been hounded by Arab Communist Party activists in their towns and villages.

It is expected that the Arab Local Council chairman will bring up the issue of land expropriation and the possibility of postponing it or reducing the areas slated to be taken over for state development. The Prime Minister is expected to impress on the Arab local leaders the importance of their taking the lead in implementing the policy of more intensive integration of the Arab population into all facets of Israeli life. This is the policy expected to emerge from today's Cabinet session.

The Cabinet will consider two policy packages, many of whose features overlap. One has been prepared for the Prime Minister by a committee of Assistant Directors-General of 13 ministries and government agencies, headed by the Prime Minister's Arab Affairs Adviser, Shmuel Toledano. The other proposal is to be tabled by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol of the Independent Liberals.

The inter-departmental policy proposals call for stepped up integration of Israel Arabs — and especially of young intellectuals — in employment, education, governmental and public services and other facets of Israeli life. One proposal calls for the employment of Israel Arab leaders to teach Arabic and allied subjects in Jewish schools, while Jewish teachers would be introduced to teach Hebrew and Israel history in Arab schools.

It is learned that many of the proposals were worked out in coordination with a number of young Arab intellectuals who participated in many of the committee's sessions. It is noted that this is the first time that a point was made of soliciting the participation of Israeli Arabs in formulating the details of official policy towards their communities.

The Kol proposals call for the establishment of a public council for the fostering of Arab-Jewish relations in addition to the inter-departmental proposal for the establishment of a Cabinet Committee on Minorities. Mr. Kol, it is understood, will also emphasize the importance of policy steps in regard to Arab students. He will also propose a study of the feasibility of compulsory national service for young Arab men exempt from military service. This is envisaged as part of the efforts towards integration.

An additional development in this week's events in the field of Arab affairs is a meeting of the Labour Party's central ideological forum which will discuss developments among Israel's Arabs at Beit Berl on Saturday. The session will be addressed by Defence Minister Shimon Peres, Abba Eban, MK, Mr. Toledano and Dr. Sami Jerassi, chairman of the Prime Minister's Committee on Economic Welfare in the Arab Sector.

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## Mapam unit urges going it alone

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

MAPAM'S POLITICAL Committee is expected today to ask the party to make arrangements to go it alone in the next general elections but to postpone the decision whether to dissolve its Alignment with the Labour Party until after the latter's convention.

The committee's recommendation will be brought to Mapam's convention next month.

Party sources said yesterday they believed the committee will reject a motion recommending the convention decide to immediately discontinue the Alignment.

By postponing the decision until after the Labour Party's convention in December, left-wing Mapam would leave open its option of continuing the Alignment if the Labour Party accepts its demands, if the situation along the border deteriorated, or if it wanted to play a greater role in a power struggle between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Defence Minister Shimon Peres.

The proposals on the future of the Alignment will be discussed today in light of the recent "clarifications talks" with Labour party leaders. The talks ended inconclusively on Friday.

The Labour Party did not commit itself to anything, claiming it could not change its platform before its own convention. But Mapam sources reported some sharp differences of opinion in the talks, which centred on political issues.

Mapam demanded an overall peace plan including "political in-

tiatives." It also wanted considerable territorial concessions in the West Bank and some leaders complained that the Ailon Plan was being implemented "although there had been no formal Cabinet decision to do so. The party also opposed settlement in Judea and Samaria and pressed for adoption of the Yaviv-Shenot formula on the Palestinian issue.

But some Mapam leaders argued that the Zionist-Socialist Labour Movement should remain united because the country is about to face unprecedented struggles after the U.S. Presidential elections. The left-wing socialist alliance should also remain united to counter consolidation of the right wing round Herut, it was argued.

### Eban group meets

A group of Labour party doves who met at Abba Eban's home on Thursday night pledged to work for the continuation of the Alignment with Mapam. The group, which included Micha Harish MK and Menachem Hachon MK, also spoke in favour of a firm line against the Kadum settlers.

Eban had invited 33 Labour doves, including Yitzhak Navon, of ex-Rafi, to this second meeting of its kind at his home. But seven of them, including Yitzhak Navon, stayed away. Most of those who attended were members of the Labour and Young Guard groupings in the party.

Some of the participants apparently hope the forum will meet on a more or less regular basis to act as a dovish ginger group within Labour.

and there was no time to lose." The President also said the charge that the U.S. is not taking a tough stand in dealings with the Soviets is "so much nonsense." U.S. foreign policy since World War II has suffered a few setbacks, but he said "We have not blown up civilization and we have preserved our freedom."

Ford's speech came on the first day of a five-day campaign swing through Oregon, California, Nevada and Ohio. Oregon and Nevada are among six states holding primaries on Tuesday. California and Ohio hold elections on June 8.

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## Dayan would return Kuneitra hills and Suez gulf for end-of-war pacts

By YOEL DAB

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EVRON — Moshe Dayan said on Friday that if Syria were ready to resettle Kuneitra, he would support the return of the hills surrounding the town. For Syrian readiness to sign an agreement on the cessation of hostilities, he would advocate even the removal of two settlements in the Golan.

Mr. Dayan, who was addressing members of this Mapam kibbutz, near Nahariya, said he believed President Assad was beginning to understand that he could not simply tell Israel to get out of the Golan, and not make peace with us in return. He was therefore seeking a

## Quiet restored to West Bank

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ALL SECURITY measures introduced recently in the West Bank were lifted over the weekend as complete quiet reigned in the area after several days of anti-Israel rioting.

Security forces were substantially thinned out, detainees released and sanctions lifted while local leaders called on their fellow citizens to return to orderly life. Curfews were lifted from the central market place of Nablus and from the twin towns of Ramallah and al-Bireh, after being in force for three days.

Minor tyre burning incidents were reported in some side streets in East Jerusalem, but business life and schools carried on normally.

## Kutakhov hails friendly ties after Amman trip

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

THE COMMANDER of the Soviet Air Force, Marshal Pavel S. Kutakhov, left Amman for home yesterday after a six-day visit to Jordan, the first ever by a senior Russian commander to the conservative Arab kingdom.

No official announcement was made either in Amman or in Moscow on the outcome of the visit, especially with regard to Jordan's reported bid to buy Soviet anti-aircraft missile networks.

In a statement on departure, Kutakhov hailed the strong relations between the two "friendly" countries, adding that he hoped future contacts would consolidate their ties. Officials in Amman said that cooperation between Jordan and the Soviet Union will be discussed when King Hussein makes his planned visit to Moscow, probably next month.

During his stay in Amman, Marshal Kutakhov met Hussein, Premier Zaid Rifai, Commander-in-Chief Lt. Gen. Zaid Ben Shakar and the commander of the Air Force, Gen. Aboud Salem. The purpose of Kutakhov's visit was said to have been aimed mainly at exploring Jordan's air-power needs and the possibility of coordinating its military potential with that of Damascus, now that the two Arab capitals have aligned themselves in preparation to federating.

Press reports from Beirut said yesterday that an American delegation was expected to visit Amman soon in an attempt to revive negotiations on a Hawk missile deal between Amman and Washington, to preclude a Jordanian-Soviet one.

## Ford veto 'not aimed at Israel'

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

PRESIDENT FORD has strongly denied "important reports" that his veto of the foreign aid bill was "because it contained too much money for Israel."

In a letter to Congressman William Brockmeyer, of Michigan, the President wrote that "nothing could be further from the truth."

The fact is that I used the veto because the bill would undermine the President's authority to conduct the United States' foreign policy that Israel, along with our other friends and allies, rely upon. In today's world, as during the Yom Kippur War of 1973, we can have only one foreign policy — that of the President."

Mr. Ford pledged to approve the aid bill as soon as the Congress submits it again, in amended form, with the "intolerable limits" on his freedom of action removed.

"Our relations with the Arab states," Ford added, "will not be pursued in my Administration at the expense of our special relationship with Israel. Indeed I regret that my veto has delayed the funds that Israel so urgently needs."

## Manila hijack gang threaten to kill hostages

MANILA — The hijackers of a Philippine Air Lines jetliner, last night threatened to shoot their hostages one after another if their demands were not met, airport sources at Zamboanga city where the plane is parked said.

The sources said the six rebels, who earlier in the day released nine children and five women, sent word through the pilot of the aircraft that they must be given food and water or else they would begin killing their remaining 89 hostages.

After being given sandwiches and drinks, they still threatened to kill their hostages unless their other demands were met.

The rebels, identified as members of the Philippine Muslim separatist movement, wanted a \$375,000 ransom and a long-range jet to take them to a Middle East country.

They commanded the plane to Zamboanga, 800 kms. south of Manila on Friday. (UPI)

# Beirut leftists reject French intervention

## Phalange in favour

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent and agencies

LEBANESE LEFTIST leader Kamal Jumblatt and his radical allies, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, last night rejected a French offer to send peace-keeping troops to Lebanon.

Jumblatt warned that his camp would resist any such French action, which he said grew out of Syria's intervention in Lebanon. In a statement issued after a meeting with his allies, Jumblatt charged Syria with having invited foreign interference by its own intervention in favour of the conservative "separatists" in Lebanon.

Jumblatt's rejection of the French suggestion came after President Valery Giscard d'Estaing offered to send troops to Lebanon "within 48 hours" if asked to do so by the Beirut authorities. The French leader, who is now on a U.S. visit, made the offer in New Orleans.

His offer was discussed by Lebanese President Suleiman Frangieh and his elected successor, Elias Sarkis, at a meeting they held yesterday. The two leaders, both of whom are Christian Maronites, indicated that they might be considering the offer favourably.

The Phalangist radio, which speaks for the conservatives in Beirut, said that the French offer was "a clear indication of France's brotherly feelings toward Lebanon."

But former President Camille Chamoun, who is the Interior Minister in Lebanon's de facto government, said that he would prefer Lebanese 14-month civil war to be solved locally. However, he said he would support the French offer if all other peace efforts were exhausted.

In his statement, made at a press conference with French reporters on Friday, Giscard said France had informed the U.S., the Soviet Union and Syria it was ready to help quell Lebanon's civil war and that the prospect of its troops engaging in fighting "is not excluded."

He said he would send the troops

only "with the consent of Lebanese authorities" and that their mission would be "to ensure security during the period of consolidating the cease-fire."

Such a move, he said, would only be temporary and would have to be "accompanied with a concerted moderating action" — meaning a diplomatic effort to stop the fighting.

Giscard said a French force of two to three regiments (5,000 to 7,500 men) was prepared to move into Lebanon within 48 hours if Lebanese authorities issued such a request. He said the proposed peace-keeping force would not be part of any United Nations effort.

Giscard also said that the presence of French troops would not be expected to prompt Syria to beef up the forces it has sent to Lebanon.

## French bid for bigger Middle East role — p. 4.

In Oslo, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said the U.S. might accept the idea of a French peace-keeping force in Lebanon if all interested parties approved.

In a highly qualified answer, Kissinger told the press that he could not give a definite reaction to the French proposal. "I have only seen press reports. Our reaction will have to depend on the specific proposal," he said.

But he did not immediately oppose the idea, saying the American attitude would be determined by several elements.

"Our reaction would have to depend on what the situation is in which such a proposal arises — whether the government of Lebanon has requested it, whether it would bring with it the introduction of other outside forces which we oppose, and what the views are of other interested parties in the Middle East," Kissinger said.

Later, he indicated his main concern would be whether the French proposal would call for replacing Syrian troops, which might be all right, or whether they would bring in others. This would be unacceptable, he said.

In Beirut, pro-Syrian forces



Giscard d'Estaing

clashed throughout the weekend with Palestinians and leftists in a new outbreak of fighting. The clashes occurred as President-elect Sarkis met privately with the warring factions in an attempt to bring them to the negotiating table.

Earlier on Friday, the commander of the Beirut garrison, Brig. Gen. Asad Ahdab, who led the abortive March coup against President Frangieh, stepped down. He claimed his movement had achieved its objective of electing a new president "who will now reunify the army and people." Ahdab's coup, which in fact never took hold, ended with his losing control in the Lebanese capital.

## Khaled presses for Riyadh summit to undercut Soviet influence

By ANAN SAFADI

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

SAUDI ARABIA'S King Khaled last night threw his weight behind convening an early Egyptian-Syrian reconciliation summit meeting. There were indications that the monarch believed the Soviet Union was exploiting the Cairo-Damascus rift to consolidate its presence in the Arab region.

Signs that Khaled was pressing for an Egyptian-Syrian summit came from Cairo, whose radio said last night that the Saudi monarch was sending two envoys to Alexandria today for talks with President Anwar Sadat. The radio said that the two envoys, Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister and his Kuwaiti counterpart would go to Damascus tomorrow to meet President Hafez Assad. Both Egypt and Syria failed to send their Prime Ministers to Riyadh last week for a preparatory reconciliation conference between the two countries.

The two have been at odds over Syria's opposition to the Sinai interim accord signed between Egypt and Israel last September.

Khaled's efforts to bring Sadat and Assad together came as Arab states

in the area became increasingly involved in dissension and confusion. Most affected was Syria, which King Khaled appeared to be seeking to help overcome its entanglement in Lebanon. Syria is due to make a decision on whether to extend the mandate of the UN peacekeeping forces on the Golan at the end of this month, and the country is also in economic trouble.

The Saudi Arabian monarch's concern over Syria coincided with a report in the Beirut pro-Libyan newspaper "Al-Safir" saying that Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin will fly to Damascus this week in an effort to convince Syria to join a radical Arab coalition, which has been active in the current Lebanese civil war. The coalition includes Libya, Algeria, Iraq, the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Lebanese Left — all of which are opposed to any settlement with Israel.

Pro-Soviet Arab circles gave credence over the weekend to reports of a ferment within the Syrian armed forces. The unrest was attributed to a growing opposition over the Syrian leadership's "moderate" policies and the deployment of the

Syrian-sponsored forces in confrontation with the radical camp in Lebanon.

One Communist press report went further to say yesterday that the Syrian leadership has placed three air bases on alert to quell a possible uprising. The report added that several officers were arrested.

Though confirming differences of opinion within the Syrian ruling Ba'ath party, Middle East observers last night tended to discount the reports implying that President Assad was facing some sort of large-scale unrest over Lebanon. Noting that Assad had scored a success by installing his choice of a president in Lebanon (Elias Sarkis), the observers said that Damascus was far from being involved in Lebanon to the extent of stirring up active discontent at home.

The observers recalled that similar reports were spread before Syria's rapprochement with Jordan's King Hussein. Instead, Assad went ahead with what he described as union plans with Jordan. Assad yesterday sent a foreign ministry delegation to Amman to coordinate Syrian-Jordanian diplomatic representation abroad.



SMILES ALL ROUND as Saudi Arabia's King Khaled gets together in a summit meeting in April last year with Syrian President Hafez Assad and Egypt's Anwar Sadat.

## 'No conditions' for renewal of Undof

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel has formally told the UN Secretary-General that it will agree to a renewal of the Undof mandate on the Golan Heights, which is due to expire at the end of this month. Jerusalem is against any extraneous conditions being imposed.

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## European interest in Israel arms items

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Israel expects to export \$300m. worth of defence materials in 1976, a \$100m. increase over 1975 sales, "Aviation Week and Space Technology" reports this week.

The magazine, in a report on the recent Hannover air show, said that there is a serious European interest

in Israel-made defence products. The Israel national exhibit at the show ranged from tank commander cupolas developed by Ordon, Ltd., which can be fitted to the U.S.-made M-60 tank, to the new kind of technical manuals by Technical Writing, Ltd.

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| Golan       | 46                      | 8-21                   | 10-21              |
| Nahariya    | 63                      | 17-25                  | 17-25              |
| Safed       | 64                      | 10-21                  | 10-21              |
| Haifa       | 54                      | 17-25                  | 17-25              |
| Tiberias    | 55                      | 17-25                  | 17-25              |
| Nazareth    | 59                      | 14-24                  | 14-24              |
| Be'er Sheva | 53                      | 13-20                  | 11-23              |
| Shomron     | 50                      | 13-20                  | 11-23              |
| Tel Aviv    | 63                      | 17-25                  | 17-25              |
| E-G Airport | 57                      | 16-23                  | 17-25              |
| Jericho     | 37                      | 16-23                  | 17-25              |
| Gaza        | 65                      | 15-24                  | 14-24              |
| Beer Sheva  | 58                      | 14-27                  | 15-28              |
| Elat        | 24                      | 13-23                  | 13-23              |
| Tiran       | 17                      | 24-31                  | 24-32              |

## Social and Personal

The Israel Bond Texas Life Insurance Chief Executives met Friday with Beer Sheva Mayor Eliyahu Navi. On Thursday the group met Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, at his office in Tel Aviv.

An exhibition of oils, acrylics and drawings by Alexander Potov, a new immigrant from the Soviet Union, opened yesterday at Jerusalem's Artists House.

A senior army officer will address the ZOA House Dinner Club (in English) on "Israel's Security Situation" tonight, Sunday, May 23, 8 p.m., at the ZOA House in Tel Aviv.

Dr. Mordechai Breuer will speak (in English) on "Jerusalem, the Capital—a Challenge to Nations and Religions of the World" at the monthly meeting of the Bar-Ilan University Dinner Club, May 27, at 7:30 p.m.

## IN MEMORIAM

A variety program on Thursday, at midnight, at the Jerusalem Khan, will be held in memory of the two police officers, Pakad Shmuel Schiff and Mafakeh-Mishne Albert Levi, who were killed in a bomb blast in Jerusalem a month ago.

## ARRIVALS

Monty Hall, host of America's long-running nationally syndicated game show, "Let's Make a Deal," and his wife Marilyn, on a private visit.

## DEPARTURES

Moshe Rivlin, Director-General of the Jewish Agency, to Zurich, to attend a meeting of the president of the standing committee of the Second Jerusalem Conference on Soviet Jewry (by El Al).

## Statue of Lincoln to be dedicated

**RAMAT GAN.** — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Rabbi Herschel Schacter — the latter as the personal representative of President Gerald Ford — will join other Israeli and American dignitaries today in dedicating a statue of Abraham Lincoln here.

The statue was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gildesgame, and its dedication on behalf of the American people is part of the observance in Israel of the American bicentennial celebrations.

## U.S. and Canada approve use of Westwind jets

**JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT**  
WASHINGTON. — The Israel Aircraft Industries' 1124 Westwind twin turbofan business jet has been certified by the Federal Aviation Administration in the United States and the Ministry of Transportation in Canada.

In a statement released here, IAI said that the first 1124 Westwind, distributed in America by the Atlantic Aviation Corporation, would be delivered to the U.S. later this month.

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Dr. Alejandro Montiel Arguello, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, visits with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek on Friday. (Rahamin Yisraeli)

## Waldheim 'not welcome' in Israel on Undof trip

By WOLF I. BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim leaves for Syria on Tuesday in an effort to convince the Damascus regime to extend the UN peace-keeping mandate on the Golan Heights, which expires on May 30.

The Waldheim trip, which came as a surprise to Israeli officials, is not being supported by Israel and the UN official is not expected to travel to Jerusalem during this trip to the area.

Waldheim met with Israel Ambassador at the UN Chaim Herzog on Friday to inform him of the visit to Syria, which Western observers at the world body see primarily as being designed to encourage the Damascus regime to agree to an extension.

During their meeting, Herzog strongly reiterated the Government's opposition to any sort of political conditions being attached to another renewal, as was the case last November when the Syrians managed to convene a special session of the Security Council to discuss the "Palestinian question" as a condition for accepting an extension of the mandate.

Herzog let the Secretary-General know clearly that Israel was not prepared this time to see Syria win any political conditions and that Israel would not participate in any type of linkage. The Israeli position is that the Syrians, under the terms of the May, 1974 military-disengagement agreement, are obliged to renew the peace-keeping mandate every six months.

Herzog also let it be known in clear terms that Israel believes

Syria needs the UN troops just as much as Israel does.

For the most part, American officials also saw the surprise Waldheim mission as a "negative" development although some pro-Arab American officials were not critical of it.

Those that oppose the trip argue that the Secretary-General is appeasing the Syrians, who are setting a trap for him and will make political demands while he is in Damascus meeting with President Assad. Last week, Waldheim held several meetings with the Syrian representative at the UN.

Western observers said that the Waldheim trip might be designed to "get Assad off the hook" and to placate those Syrian officials opposed to another extension.

Israel, aware that a Waldheim visit to Jerusalem would be seen as the start of negotiations over the extension, has made it clear that Waldheim will not be welcome in Jerusalem during this current trip.

The other matter concerning the Security Council — the debate on Israel's practices in the administered areas — was postponed until late Monday or Tuesday.

The Arab delegates now want to strengthen a French-backed resolution condemning Israel and to call the roll rather than have a pro-forma consensus resolution.

The Americans, aware that a U.S. veto might be necessary during the UN sessions, are not anxious to have to use the veto now.

Friday's session was postponed until this week because the American delegates wanted to await Kissinger's return from Europe and for instructions.

est work and higher output.

Allon said that Israel was not totally isolated, and the economic agreements we had signed with the Common Market and the U.S. were an opportunity to develop large industries which would be able to absorb thousands of new workers and immigrants. But "the value of work has been drastically devalued in Israel, and as a result the worker and labour have lost their prestige."

"This must be urgently changed, services must be reduced, conspicuous consumption and unnecessary spending stopped," he said.

"Our growing dependence on foreign aid to finance the economy reduces our political capacity and may even dictate weapons that we may have," he warned.

Answering questions after his speech on the frequent foreign policy statements by all ministers, Allon said that in a coalition government it was impossible to order ministers to be silent on matters outside their official jurisdiction. "But what causes great difficulty for Israel's diplomacy is the large number of conflicting statements by ministers," he said.

Asked about Ambassador (to the U.S.) Gideon Rafael's reported "peace plan," Allon said "ambassadors don't make foreign policy. The policy is made by the Government and the Foreign Minister."

## Ashdod car plant reopens today

**JERUSALEM POST REPORTER**  
ASHDOD. — The local auto plant, Ashdod Automotive Industry Ltd., will reopen its gates today after a three-day lockout last week.

The decision to lock the workers out was taken after 260 out of the 340 workers staged a go-slow and a sit-down strike to push their demands for wage increases, premiums and profit-sharing.

After the intervention of the local labour council, the workers agreed to return to work today and negotiate with the management. The management then agreed to reopen the plant.

A two-man committee of the labour council will investigate workers' and management's complaints. Parallel to these talks, management will also start negotiations to fire 100 workers because of a lack of work at the plant.

## Haj dies at 120

**KALKILYA.** — The oldest man on the West Bank, Haj Ahmed al-Antori, died yesterday at the age of 120. Having attained the number of years considered to be every man's wish, the Haj (one who has made the pilgrimage to Mecca), a man of means, left his property holdings for the erection of a new cemetery. (Kin)

## 'POLICY OF CALCULATED NEGLECT' J'lem Experimental School in danger of collapse

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The roof of the Experimental School near the Mahaneh Yehuda market caved in the winter before last from the rains. Last winter two of its teachers collapsed from pneumonia. By next winter, the experiment — regarded as an educational model of national significance by the Education Ministry — may have collapsed altogether because of indifference by the Jerusalem Municipality, parents charged on Friday.

The four-year-old school, which attempts to encourage greater pupil initiative in the educational process, is split among three buildings, several streets apart. The main building in Ohel Moshe is an unheated 92-year-old structure which had been abandoned several years ago by another school after it was condemned by the Health Ministry.

The principals of the school's elementary and secondary divisions, Eliezer Marcus and Itai Zimran, have reportedly warned that they will resign unless the municipality provides the minimum conditions in the coming year for operation of the school according to the principles on which it was founded.

At a press conference on Friday, representatives of the school's parents accused Deputy Mayor Yosef Gadiash, in charge of the municipal education portfolio, of a policy of calculated neglect. They warned that the school, an integrated institution considered by many to be at the

forefront of educational innovation in the country, will not reopen in the fall if the municipality does not expand the space available to it.

At issue is a proposal to build a prefabricated structure containing four classrooms in the yard of the old Alliance school between Jaffa Road and Agrippas. In the Alliance school, which has 270 students of its own, the Experimental School has been provided during the past year with classroom space for its three lowest grades. (Grades 4-9 are kindergarten and pre-kindergarten classes are accommodated in a building in the Mahaneh.)

The parents, however, maintain that the present arrangement is no longer tolerable. For one thing, the school is adding a 10th grade next year for which space must be found. More basic, however, is the school's need for a library and a study room which are central to the school's concept of encouraging students to work on their own projects rather than concentrate on "frontal" classroom confrontations between teacher and students. (The students choose about half their own courses, the rest being obligatory.) Also integral to the concept is joint activity among students of different ages, something made difficult by the physical separation of the classes.

At the initiative of the Education Ministry, a special committee was set up to find a solution. It recommended the construction of the pre-

fabricated structure. With the Alliance school slowly being phased out and its students shifted elsewhere, it was hoped that all the Experimental School classes could be together in the school year of 1977-78 in the Alliance building with the kindergarten classes occupying the prefabricated structure. The Ministry, as a special gesture, agreed to pay the IL400,000 cost of the prefab.

Although the municipality representative on the committee agreed to this solution, Gadiash afterwards objected on the grounds that if the prefab were built, similar demands would be made by other schools. At the press conference, parents of large families from the Katamonim said their children were at last receiving a good education at the Experimental School after receiving virtually none in non-integrated schools previously. (Forty per cent of the school's children are from culturally deprived families.)

The parents are to demonstrate this morning in front of City Hall.

Responding to the charges, Gadiash said on Friday that there was no justification in spending money on the prefabricated classrooms since the Alliance school was being phased out and there would be enough space in a year or two in its building for all the Experimental School classes. In any case, he said, it was unlikely that construction of the prefabs could be completed before the coming school year.

## Town councillor appeals dismissal for absenteeism

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
and YOEL DAR

**HAIFA.** — Steff Wertheimer, who was expelled on Wednesday from Nahariya's Town Council for failure to attend meetings, last night told The Post he had appealed the dismissal before the Interior Minister.

Wertheimer, who heads the opposition Nahariya List on the council, noted that he had been abroad on business; and, though he had missed six meetings, he had been active as chairman of the town's Education Committee.

He said he found it extraordinary that a Knesset member who received full pay could remain absent for a year, but a town councillor, a volunteer, could be thrown out if he missed three sessions. He claimed the system was loaded against the opposition, and that his five (of 15) councillors were dependent on the goodwill of Town Hall.

## Hillel sees West Bank violence declining

**TEL AVIV.** — Police Minister Shlomo Hillel said in a radio interview broadcast yesterday that the recent wave of West Bank demonstrations seems to have died down.

In any case, he said, the security forces are now prepared to prevent future demonstration attempts before they gather force, and thus minimize chances of disorder in the area.

He refused to give details of recent moves, but said "no small number" of those believed responsible for the demonstrations were now under investigation.

Hillel rejected the idea that the West Bank was in revolt. Only a relative minority of residents was involved in the recent violations of public order, he said, and the vast majority of the population were students and merchants on strike and from that kind of organizing we are likely to find ourselves very soon in a situation in which we have to "conquer" those places all over again." (Tim)

## Israeli hoopsters beat Germany 100-80

**JERUSALEM POST SPORTS REPORTER**  
TEL AVIV. — Israel stemmed a second-half rally by the West German basketball five to win by a comfortable margin, 100-80, at Yad Eliyahu last night in the opener of the quadrangular European Nations Cup.

Israel, playing without Tal Brody yesterday, led 56-30 at half-time.

The other two teams in the tournament are Belgium and Turkey.

## Student, 23, wins J'lem tennis tourney

**RAM COHEN.** — A 23-year-old Hebrew University student, yesterday won the first tennis tournament held in 10 years at the Jerusalem Sports Club in the German Colony. He beat 57-year-old Heinz Fischer, a civil servant, 6-3 and 8-6.

Some 20 players participated in the tournament, which was played according to the league system.

## Israel 'regrets' Soviet chess ban

The Soviet Union's decision to boycott the Chess Olympiad to be held in Israel in October was received with great regret, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Friday.

"Israel believes that, despite political differences, cultural and sports events must be held in a spirit of universality. Israel has acted so in the past and will do so in the future," the spokesman said.

After the ninth round of the National Chess Championship being played at the Nof Hotel in Haifa, Meir Rom was still in the lead last night with 7 points. Rom's game with Shimon Kagan was adjourned after five hours of play. Kagan has a slight advantage.

Two immigrants from the USSR, Lea Nudelman and Olga Rodarskaya, were in first place with 4 points each, after the fourth round of the women's championship.

## Meany reaffirms support at gala dinner for Golda

**JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT**  
WASHINGTON. — AFL-CIO president George Meany reaffirmed his labour organization's strong and unwavering support for Israel at a dinner honouring former Prime Minister Golda Meir last Thursday.

Meany, long a strong supporter of Israel, lashed out against those Americans who have criticized alleged Israeli inflexibility in Middle East negotiations. "Let those who want to do something to bring peace in the Middle East... put the pressure on the Arabs," he declared.

"Let our politicians and statesmen who become experts after short congressional junkets to many parts of the world, let them look back at the history of recent years."

Meany was presumably referring to the recent statements critical of Israel made by American senators.

including Sen. Jacob Javits, (R-NY) who returned from the U.S. and complained about Israel's settlements on the West Bank.

Meany asserted that Israel's Arab neighbours "have practically taken an oath in blood to bring about the destruction of Israel as a nation."

He said that the "first step for peace in the Middle East is a commitment to the sovereignty of Israel — not by the U.S., not by the Soviet Union and not by the U.S. and the Soviet Union in combination."

"That sovereignty must be guaranteed by Israel's neighbours. And when that happens, I am sure, can then afford to be a little less rigid and a little more reasonable."

Meany addressed some 1,500 guests at a gala dinner Thursday evening at the Shoreham Americana Hotel. Most of the guests were not Jewish.

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## Gilkrov murder suspect released

**TEL AVIV.** — One of four suspects held in the murder of Shimon Glikov in a Sportoto shop in the Shapir Quarter on May 10 was released on Thursday after a lie detector test.

Haim Madar was released, another suspect who took the test, Moshe Shmaya, is still being held along with Gad Flamin and Ar Masika.

Police said the weapons that killed Glikrov, an Uzi and a pistol, had yet to be found. However, the Transit in which the killers allegedly rode was found abandoned in So Tel Aviv. The vehicle was transferred to the laboratories of the police, minimal identification unit to determine whether it bears any clues.

## Ramat Hasharon street gang beats up youths

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**RAMAT HASHARON.** — A youths from the Morasha neighbourhood have been arrested suspicion of beating up two teenagers on Friday evening.

The two, Adar Elzmer and A Kamerin, both aged 17, were their way home from a party Friday evening when they passed a group of about 10 youths from Morasha on the corner of Soko and Rishonim. After shouting suits at the two boys, the gang on them and beat them up, "to laugh."

The two made their way to Elzmer home and called the police. Adar passed out and was taken to Tel Hashomer Hospital, where was said last night to be in a factory condition.

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# Brazilians snatch Bridge Olympiad

By TANNIA HIRSH  
MONTE CARLO. — Brazil won the World Bridge Olympiad title here yesterday in an astonishing upset after defending champion Italy had seemed the certain winner. The Italians extended the last round needing only to defeat Greece to clinch the title.  
But the Greeks played superbly to vanquish the Italians 17-8. When the Brazilians slaughtered Canada 20 to minus 4, the world title went to South America, the first success ever for a country outside Europe and North America.  
The Israeli team finished in eighth place. Forty-five teams participated in the event.  
The Brazilian victory was a just one, since only an administrative accident had saved Italy from disaster when the two teams met last week. The Brazilians had apparently blitzed their opponents, but it transpired that the players were wrongly seated in one room. The match was not replayed and both teams were awarded 12 victory points. Great Britain was third and Poland fourth.  
The women's series was a relatively simple matter for Italy. They took the lead quite early in the event and stayed in front for the rest of the way, and with one round to play could no longer be caught.  
Final standings: Italy 318, Britain 289, U.S. 284 and Canada 261. Israel finished 18th with a score of 156.  
In the men's event, Israel might be slightly dissatisfied with its finish, especially after its third place in the Bermuda Bowl, two weeks earlier. However, this would be a wrong attitude.  
First, Israel's players are not used to playing bridge 10 hours a day for three weeks at a stretch, and their fatigue showed in the results of some matches. Israel's results would, some years ago, have been looked upon as astonishing. But now it has come to be looked upon as a power in world bridge. In the Bermuda Bowl, Israel represented Europe with honour and dignity, and with a bit of luck could have been world champions.  
In the Olympiad, Israel did best against the strongest countries. If only the matches between the top 10 finishers are taken into account, Israel would have finished second, their score bettered only by Italy. It was against the weaker teams that Israel missed its chances. Through fatigue and a natural let-down after a tough match, points were allowed to slip away that might have kept Israel right up with the leaders throughout the event.

# Questions necessity of Atarot Airport Urban railways to replace highways in new J'lem plan

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The first official plan drawn up for Jerusalem in two decades proposes urban railways rather than highways, questions the continued existence of Atarot Airport, and urges the creation of a string of substantial commercial centres around the city.  
The Outline Plan, the fruit of four years' labour by a large team of municipal planners, is the first legally binding plan proposed for the Capital since the 1959 Outline Plan. That document was drawn up only for the Israeli half of the divided city, which measured 38 square kilometres. The plan for the united city covers 108 square kilometres. It differs too from the 1959 master plan — which related to the united city — both in matters of substance and in being legally binding, if adopted, rather than merely a guideline.  
Following are other proposals in the plan:  
● The creation of a committee to study possible changes of Jerusalem's boundaries with a view to making them more functional. The most important change would be the inclusion of Kibbutz Ramat Rahel within the city limits, say the planners.  
● Transformation of the Romema industrial area into a residential quarter.  
● Changing the Outline Plan for the Old City environs so as to block all building on the northern slope of Government House Hill.  
The plan was transmitted Thursday to Mayor Teddy Kollek by Meron Benvenisti, deputy mayor in charge of planning. It is expected to be several months before it is presented to the Local Planning Commission for consideration.  
One of the chief points of difference with the master plan is the elimination of the expressways proposed around the city centre in 1959. The move is in response to criticism both locally and by the Jerusalem Committee — the international panel of advisers to Kollek — who maintained that road construction on such a scale would play havoc with the texture of the city. Only Highway No. 4 remains in the new plan, a six-lane road (plus two service lanes) running south-north from Gilo through the wadi between Beit Hakerem and the Hebrew University to Ramat, where it would link up with a proposed new highway to the Coastal Plain via Beit Horon.  
Yossi Schwed, who headed the planning team, said in an interview Friday that three different systems of rail-link transport are proposed for Jerusalem. One system would utilize the proposed new Tel Aviv-Lydda-Jerusalem rail line which would enter the city from the north via Beit Horon. (This line would replace the existing rail link through Emek Refaim, whose steep grade does not permit modern, high-speed rail traffic.) Residents in the northern part of the city would be able to travel in special trains on this right-of-way to the centre of the city and the proposed new rail terminal at Ramat. In the southern part of the city, parts of this route would be underground, and stations would be about a kilometre and a half apart.  
Another north-south rail link, from the area of Ramallah to Bethlehem, would offer stops every 500 metres and be specially designed for intra-urban service. A third rail link, possibly a surface tramway, would be from Mount Scopus to Hadassah Hospital in Ein Karem. The planners are urging these rail lines after having determined that buses would not be able to carry the number of persons they hope will be using public transport rather than private vehicles.  
Schwed challenges the need for Atarot Airport in northern Jerusalem, a facility which municipal and tourism officials have attempted to promote as an international airport. He notes that the siege suffered by Jerusalem in the War of Independence made an air link to the Coastal Plain seem of great importance, even when the siege was broken and the Jerusalem Corridor created. The 1959 Outline Plan designated an air strip for the Givat Beit Hakerem area, where the new Shaare Zedek Hospital is being built.  
"Today it is clear," says Schwed, "that the creation of good connections (the proposed Beit Horon road and parallel high-speed railway) between Jerusalem and Ben-Gurion Airport would make that the airport of Jerusalem."  
Atarot's existence, he says, raises the problem of aircraft noise in the northern part of the city. The area that would be needed for the airport's expansion, he said, could better be used for other city needs.  
The plan avoids any hard decisions regarding the future of Jerusalem's central business district (CBD), over which there are two sharply divided schools of thought in the planning community. One proposes that it remain where it is so as to provide a compact, "walkable" shopping area. The other proposes that it extend outward to the entrance of the city to avoid creating building pressures around the Old City to the east. The Outline Plan proposes limiting the growth of the CBD during the next five years while developing a series of local "commercial-community centres" around the city to siphon off the demand for business, office and hotel space. After five years, the problem would be reassessed.  
The local centres are proposed for the new developments of Ramat Gilo, for the Arab areas of Beit Hakerem and Sur Bahir, for Ramat Rahel and Kiryat Yovel (expansion of the existing centres). Manahat (this is the new downtown, at least for the next five years, from the large regional centre proposed in the 1968 Master Plan to a local centre), Allenby Barracks, Tel Azza, Katamon and Givat Beit Hakerem.  
The plan offers no surprises in its population projections, adopting the 3.7 per cent annual growth rate for the Jewish population approved by then Premier Golda Meir in 1973. Although the Arab population has been growing faster, the planners expect the present ratio of 73 per cent Jews to 27 per cent non-Jews to remain when the city reaches the population capacity determined by the Outline Plan — 650,000. (The population as of last December 31 was 556,000.) Although the plan does not state when that capacity is likely to be reached, Schwed said it would be about the year 2000 at the present rate of growth.  
Since 1967, the bulk of East Jerusalem has been a planning vacuum since the Israeli Outline Plan of 1959 did not relate to it. Although special outline plans were drawn up for limited areas within East Jerusalem, such as the Old City and its environs, Mount Scopus and the new Jewish housing developments, the bulk of the Arab areas has had no legal plan and development has been on an ad hoc basis. The proposed new Outline Plan for the first time extends a legal planning context to these areas.  
Formal approval of the new Outline Plan is likely to be a long and difficult battle because of the conflicting points of view among and within various Government ministries and the municipalities over how the city should develop. Benvenisti himself has in the past expressed doubts about the wisdom of adopting an Outline Plan, indicating that quiet, ad hoc decisions might be the best way to get things done with a minimum of friction. Even if the plan is not formally adopted, however, it is likely to have a strong influence on planning decisions in the future.

# Fires hit three Tel Aviv firms within 24 hours

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Three fires hit Tel Aviv firms within 24 hours on Thursday and Friday. There is no evidence so far to show that arson was involved in any of the blazes, police said, unlike the epidemic which hit the city a few months ago in which arson was indicated.  
Thursday's fire gutted the El-Ga shoe factory on Rehov Salameh, near Rehov Hayarden, about 9 p.m. A smoke-filled stairwell prevented firemen from reaching the blaze on the second floor, and they were forced to climb up a crane to pump water through the windows. The fire took four hours to extinguish.  
The first of Friday's fires broke out about 2.30 in the afternoon at a book bindery on Rehov Hatzefira and was put out with only minor damage. Three hours later, at 5.30 p.m., firemen were called to the Elyan Hammerman knitwear plant on Rehov Hayarden in south Tel Aviv. The firemen extinguished the third-storey blaze within two hours, preventing it from spreading to other floors of the five-storey building. Damage here was extensive.  
A police spokesman said there was no question of arson in the three fires. However, asked whether arson could have been the cause of the blazes, fire chief Yacov Ritov told The Jerusalem Post: "I don't know yet. Everything is suspicious nowadays."  
Arson is believed to be the cause of the fires which broke out in Tel Aviv earlier this year at "Ha'aretz," Mars and Vered furniture salons, Rudnik paper factory and at other smaller firms around the city. Arrests were made, but suspects were released for lack of evidence.  
A police spokesman told The Post that the police knew who had set the fires, but were unable to arrest the individuals responsible for lack of concrete evidence.  
The spokesman refused to confirm or deny whether those fires were set as part of an underworld attempt to set up a protection racket.

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# Hebrew U. bans political protests after violence

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The Hebrew University has banned all political demonstrations on campus, following last week's clash between Arab and Jewish students in which six students were injured.  
The statement issued by the university spokesman said that, in cases of unauthorized political demonstrations, the university would call the police to disperse the demonstrators. The university will also expedite disciplinary steps against persons taking part in such demonstrations.  
Leaders of the HU Student Union last week called on the university authorities to take a stronger stand in maintaining order on campus. They accused the university of being lax in disciplining Arab students for failing to do their share of guard duty, for removing memorial candles for Holocaust victims and the fallen of Israel's wars, and for painting swastikas on dormitory walls.  
Wednesday's clash occurred when a demonstration by Arab students against the use of firearms in controlling West Bank riots was met by a counter-demonstration of Jewish students.

# Munich massacre film planned

By BRIAN ARTHUR  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
BOON. — An American motion picture company plans to make a movie about the 1972 Arab terrorist attack on the Israeli Olympic team in Munich at the original sites where the 11 Israeli athletes were murdered, the Bavarian Interior Ministry confirmed on Thursday.  
There have been reports that cinema stars William Holden or Burt Lancaster would play the main roles in the film, but there was no confirmation of this from the Munich representatives of the American firm, International Filmways Motion Pictures and Moonlight Productions. Work on the film is expected to begin next month.  
The Bavarian Interior Ministry has been asked to provide technical assistance, and a screen play has already been submitted to ministry officials.  
The ministry, however, is said to be unenthusiastic about the plan and would like to see some changes in the screen play dealing with the role of Munich police chief Manfred Schreiber, who supervised the abortive German rescue action in 1972, before committing itself to help the filmmakers.  
"We want to assure that the movie sticks to the historical facts," a spokesman for the ministry said. He explained that the present screen play overemphasized Schreiber's role and that "other participants" did not get enough attention.

THE NEWS of the sudden death, while holidaying in Cyprus last week, of Edward Emmerson Key, the British Consul-General, came as a shock to his many friends in Jerusalem and throughout Israel. He was a man greatly esteemed and respected, and the city has suffered a grave loss by his untimely death.  
When the Second World War began in 1939 Ted Key was reading law at Brasenose College, Oxford. He immediately volunteered for military service and became attached to the Northumbrian Hussars, a cavalry regiment. He was drafted to the Western Desert theatre of war and in Libya, in 1942, was taken prisoner of war. His captivity extended over two years.  
Ted Key was a modest man, and it is a measure of his modesty that many of his friends here and elsewhere knew nothing of the dramatic escape made by him and two companions from a prisoner-of-war camp in Bologna, Italy. After their break-out they walked hundreds of miles to reach the British lines.  
After the war Ted was a member of a British military mission to Bucharest. On completion of this assignment he joined the British Foreign Office Consular Service and during his long diplomatic career served in Bordeaux and Lille, Beirut, Paris and Berlin. It was in Bordeaux that he met Milzette, who was to become his wife.  
In 1967 Ted Key was posted to Jerusalem as British Consul. But his service in Jerusalem was cut short in 1968, when the Foreign Office requested him to proceed to Austria, as an expert on royal protocol, to make the necessary arrangements for a visit of Queen Elizabeth.  
During their short time in Jerusalem Ted and Milzette Key endeared themselves to all sections of the community. When they returned to Jerusalem in 1974, Ted to assume the office of Consul-General, they were warmly welcomed as old and trusted friends.  
Ted Key was a rare soul with a genius for friendship. To the many and difficult tasks that confronted him in Jerusalem, in all his official and personal relationships, he brought a spirit of grace, courtesy and discernment. He was a compassionate man, a man of outstanding kindness, ever sensitive to the troubles and concerns of others.  
As Her Majesty's representative in Jerusalem, he discharged his manifold responsibilities with vision, integrity, dignity and impartiality. He was held in high regard by Jews and Arabs alike.  
He loved Jerusalem. His soul was nurtured on the rich religious, historical and archaeological associations of the Holy City. He loved to walk around its walls and explore its highways and by-ways. How fitting then that his mortal remains now rest in the environs of Jerusalem.  
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# Swissair considers Far East air route through Tel Aviv

By GEORGE LEONOF  
Jerusalem Post Travel Correspondent  
Swissair is considering the inauguration of a new Far East route which would have Ben-Gurion Airport as its first stopover, a top official of the Swiss airline disclosed in Tel Aviv on Friday.  
A decision to take up a long-standing option which a Swiss national carrier has under its agreement with El Al would end the virtual monopoly enjoyed by Air France as the only air link between Israel and East Asia ever since Trans World Airlines last year discontinued its scheduled run to Tokyo via Tel Aviv.  
The TWA decision was taken under an agreement with the other American international giant, Pan American, to rationalize world services with a view to cutting costs by eliminating redundant routes.  
Swissair's study of the feasibility of taking up its transitory landing option was disclosed by Emil Koch, the airline's executive vice-president in charge of sales and services. He arrived in Israel last week in connection with the reorganization of the activities in Israel of the Swiss National Tourist Office. As of June 1, the office will be represented by Swissair, and headed by the manager of Swissair-Israel, Bruno Greif.  
Koch said the recent world crisis in air travel had convinced Swissair that it must constantly be on the lookout for new trends in the movement of passengers and cargo. As a result, the airline's administration has been streamlined and undertakes shorter-range planning, emphasizes quick decisions, and tries to cut to the minimum the time-lapse between the adoption and implementation of decisions.  
One example of the new policy was the decision last year to open a route from Zurich to Peking and Shanghai, via Bombay. Here again Air France was the only Western airline flying to China; and although a number of airlines had been considering competing on the route, the apparent lack of prospects caused hesitation.  
"Today Swissair is perfectly satisfied with the pay-off on the new route," Koch said.  
Christian Signorelli, deputy director-general of the Swiss National

# Eban: Don't postpone major decisions

TEL AVIV. — "Confrontations and major political decisions" are foreseen for 1977 — and the nation must be made ready for them in 1976, according to Abba Eban, MK.  
Decisions on central issues should not be postponed until after the presidential elections, Eban said. "Those who would postpone such decisions are like persons who put off seeing the dentist," he quipped.  
The former Foreign Minister, speaking at the Engineering Club here Friday, said it would be impossible to maintain a population of one million persons as "residents" indefinitely. Since there was no intention to make them all citizens, it would be better to turn them into "nonresidents" by excluding regions with large concentrations of Arabs from Israeli territory under a peace arrangement.  
Eban also referred to the unauthorized settlement at Kaddum, saying the issue of the Government's credibility and authority was more important than that of settlement site priorities. As to the latter, however, he personally felt settlement of Galilee was more important than that of Samaria. (Tm)

# Treasury said stalling on pension plan

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
Knesset Labour Committee chairman Shoshana Arbell has demanded that the Treasury stop dragging its heels at once and submit its proposals for a new state pensions scheme within one month.  
Arbell said she wanted her committee to have these proposals in time to study them and table its own recommendations before the Knesset rose at the end of its summer term in July.  
Also at last week's committee session, Haim Bernstein, secretary of the Civil Servants Union, warned that the 60,000 civil servants in his union would object to any legislation which would commit them to different retirement procedures from the ones they enjoy today. Bernstein recalled that there had been attempts in the past to revoke the civil servants' pension scheme, but these had all proven abortive.  
THE PORIYA Government hospital near Tiberias will get 11.6m. worth of face-lifting and new construction this year, the hospital announced last week. This will include the beginning of work on a new 39-bed maternity wing.

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## DESPITE ARAB LEAGUE PRESSURE EEC maintains neutral Middle East stand

LUXEMBOURG. — Representatives of Arab states, apparently failed to gain European Common Market support on the Palestine issue in three days of meetings concluded here on Friday.

Common Market representatives said they refused to be drawn into the dispute and repeated their previous, neutral stand on the issue. Abdel Aziz Shamlan of Bahrain, who headed the Arab League delegation, said he was satisfied with the talks in general although he and others appealed unsuccessfully for the Europeans to act against Israel on behalf of the Palestinians.

A joint statement issued at the end of the talks stated a mutual concern over the "dangerous situation" in the Middle East and said both parties agreed to recognize "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

The statement said the parties planned to meet again. The Europeans said future talks would focus mainly on economic affairs, although Arab delegates have insisted that political aspects be tied to economic cooperation.

The Arabs asked Common Market recognition of the PLO, pressure to oust Israel from the administered territories, and an end to financial and arms aid with Israel.

Although the Common Market has called for the withdrawal of Israel from the disputed areas and backed

the right of Palestinians to a "national identity," it has refused to go any further. Despite the division on the Palestine issue, representatives did agree to work on a number of joint projects ranging from telecommunications to geological surveys.

Leaving the meeting before its end, Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad said, "we feel there is a better understanding now for both of us and that we will come closer in the future." He said the Europeans had "assured us once again that Israel must withdraw. We can't ask for a stronger commitment than that from the Europeans."

Participants said delegates had lengthy discussions on mammoth agricultural development projects in the Arab world. The attention to economic issues resulted primarily from European concern over U.S. reaction to the talks, which began shortly after the 1973 October War and the Arab oil embargo. When the talks were launched, U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger criticized the Common Market for working against his efforts to achieve a Middle East settlement.

After several rounds of technical-level economic talks, last week's gathering at ambassadorial level veered toward political issues at the insistence of the Arab envoys.

## Scranton raps WHO 'politics'

UNITED NATIONS. — The U.S. on Friday sharply criticized the World Health Organization (WHO) for rejecting a report on medical conditions in Israeli-held Arab territories. It accused the United Nations body of "extraneous politicizing."

William Scranton, U.S. ambassador to the UN, asked in a strong statement: "How long will there be any respect whatsoever for the UN if such politicization becomes pervasive in areas where it clearly does not belong, particularly in health matters, one of humanity's great concerns?"

"A person's, a people's, a nation's health is more important than all the extraneous politicizing in the world."

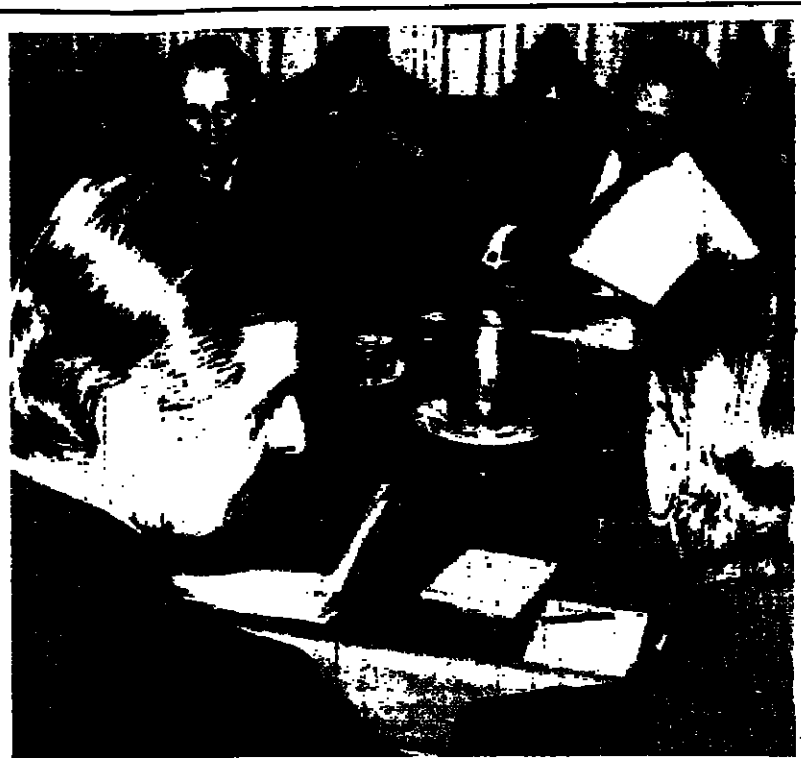
Three doctors from Senegal, Rumania and Indonesia said in their report that health standards in the territories had improved since Israel took them over in 1967.

But the WHO assembly decided in Geneva on Monday not to recognize their report on the grounds that the doctors were only allowed to visit Israel as individuals and not as a committee.

Scranton said that perhaps the way in which Israel chose to cooperate was less than perfect, but the key point was it did choose to cooperate and had met the WHO more than half-way.

On Wednesday, the WHO assembly (WHA) threatened to suspend Israel's voting rights unless it let the doctors into the areas as a team. Both actions were pushed through by the Arab-Third World-Communist combination.

Scranton said that when Israel "met the WHA more than half-way," the WHA "responded by placing short-run, irrelevant considerations ahead of health concerns, adopting a highly political resolution which deals mostly with



Greek Foreign Minister Dimitri Bitsios (foreground) faces his Turkish colleague, Isihan Sabri Caglayanil (with documents), across conference table in Oslo. After four hours of talks, the two agreed to maintain regular contacts to try to solve the Cyprus problem. (AP radiophoto)

## Humphrey-Kennedy ticket may challenge Carter

WASHINGTON. — Senator Hubert Humphrey, in a thinly-disguised appeal to party stalwarts to thwart Democratic front-runner Jimmy Carter, has described himself and Senator Edward Kennedy as a "very popular ticket" for the November presidential election.

Humphrey, who has declared himself available if the Democratic Convention in July reaches deadlock over picking a candidate, linked himself with Senator Kennedy on Friday hours after "The New York Daily News" said the Massachusetts Senator was now willing to accept a presidential nomination draft.

The report, though denied by Kennedy, led some liberal Democrats to believe that the "golden boy" of their party had thrown out a feeler to test the political climate. And Humphrey — three times a failed presidential contender and an active opponent of Carter — was quick to launch an attack on the former Georgia governor, who claims he has half the necessary delegate votes to win the Democratic nomination on the first ballot.

Minnesota Senator Humphrey told Reuter on Friday night both he and Senator Kennedy were concerned about Carter's apparent lack of commitment to progressive reforms and said his views were unshaken.

"There isn't any doubt that Teddy Kennedy is the most popular Democrat. I think that next to him is myself," said Humphrey.

The "Daily News" report said Senator Kennedy would also agree to serve as a vice-presidential nominee if Humphrey was nominated for the presidency.

Senator Kennedy, describing the report as speculation, said "my position is unchanged." In Boston last September he announced what he called his "firm, final and unconditional" decision not to seek either the presidency or the vice-presidency this year.

But Democratic liberals, many of whom are involved in the campaign to stop Carter, pointed out that the report was written by the "Daily News" Washington bureau chief James Weighart, a friend of Senator Kennedy.

According to the "Daily News," Senator Kennedy knows his candidacy could revive the Chappaquiddick incident, in which a Kennedy campaign worker, Mary Jo Kopechne, was drowned when a car driven by the Senator plunged into waters off the tiny Massachusetts Island of Chappaquiddick in 1969. Criticism of the incident, so far as Democrats were concerned, would be muted if the Senator agreed to seek the presidency only at the urging of the convention.

In the Republican camp, President Ford promised yesterday he would be tough with other countries if necessary but would not provoke a third world war.

Defending detente against the campaign criticisms of Ronald Reagan, he said: "When the United States has serious disagreements with other sovereign nations, we really have only two choices: to fight about it or talk about it."

"Threats are not only risky but old-fashioned in today's world," he said in a prepared speech to the World Affairs Council of Oregon.

The President was opening a campaign tour of states holding primary elections in the next few weeks — California, Oregon, Nevada and Ohio. They are western and mid-western areas where Reagan, his rival for the Republican presidential nomination, is strong.

In Nashville, Tennessee, Ronald Reagan criticized Secretary of State Henry Kissinger on Friday night for what he called listening "to only one side in the controversy" over independence for black Africans.

Concluding two days of campaigning in Tennessee for Tuesday's presidential primary election, Reagan said he believed the problem may "be the length of time of making the transition in a society where so many of the people live in primitive conditions."

Harold E. Stassen, once the boy wonder of the Republican Party who four times sought the U.S. Presidency, announced in Philadelphia on Friday he may try again.

"I could unite the Republican Party, unite the country and provide the essential leadership to lift America, with full employment, without inflation, and establish conditions of peace with justice and freedom," Stassen, 67, said at a news conference. (Reuter, AP)

## 'Carlos' said in Stockholm on eve of Kissinger visit

STOCKHOLM. — Preparations for one of the largest anti-U.S. demonstrations in Sweden under way and a newspaper reported that a top international terrorist had been seen in Stockholm on the eve of Secretary of State Kissinger's arrival here today.

The Stockholm paper "Aftonbladet" said that the security police, in a secret message, had alerted all police districts that the terrorist and professional killer, "Carlos" or "the Jackal," had been seen here in a car with English licence plates.

The report added that the car had been identified through Scotland Yard as belonging to a Pakistani woman.

A spokesman for the central police headquarters denied the report of such an alarm. Exhibitions, streets and the prospect of the King's

wedding to a West German girl in mid-June, will muster 1,000 police stations in Sweden under way and a newspaper reported that a top international terrorist had been seen in Stockholm on the eve of Secretary of State Kissinger's arrival here today.

The police expect some 10,000 to 15,000 people to come to a mass protest outside the U.S. Embassy today, scheduled a few hours before Kissinger's arrival by special plane. More than 50 leftist groups — including American deserters — have joined in a "Turn Back Kissinger" campaign.

The major topic of discussions between Kissinger and Swedish Socialist Prime Minister Olof Palme is expected to be the attitude of the European Social Democratic parties toward the new surge of Communist parties in southern Europe, particularly Italy.

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## Raid on Iranian guerrillas reveals aid from Gaddafi

TEHRAN. — Government officials said yesterday that Libyan documents found in a guerrilla hideout raided by the authorities last week showed that Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi had set up a special fund from which the Iranian guerrillas are sent \$100,000 every three months.

Also found in the hideout in the district of Kan, west of Teheran, was a partially turned bundle of bills, the officials said.

Officials said that George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, has been supplying the guerrillas with arms and ammunition to use against the regime of Shah Mohamed Reza Pahlavi.

Twenty-one guerrillas were killed in gun battles with police officers last week in Teheran, Rasht, Ghasvin and Karaj.

The officials said documents seized in the raid described how two sailboats carrying machineguns, handgrenades and other arms and ammunition had unloaded their clandestine cargoes at a Persian Gulf location, and how they were delivered to the guerrillas. (AP)

## Scranton's epitaph: 'Evenhanded'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — UN ambassador William Scranton has sought to acquire a more favorable image in the American Jewish community since replacing Daniel Moynihan two months ago. "The New York Times" reported yesterday.

The newspaper said that the controversial envoy, who in 1968 said in a report to former president Nixon that the U.S. should consider adopting a more "evenhanded" Middle East policy, has seemed saddened by the generally negative reaction his appointment at the world body has had among certain segments of the American Jewish community.

"I have a vision of my tombstone with just one word engraved on it — 'evenhanded,'" Scranton said in an interview with the "Times."

Israeli behaviour in matters unrelated to health in occupied territories.

Scranton said there were appropriate UN bodies to handle political issues. "Clearly the WFA action is gross political interference in matters of health care. This misuse of UN agencies must stop if the UN system is not to be dangerously eroded." (Reuter)

## French bid for bigger ME role

By JACK MAURICE  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
PARIS. — President Giscard d'Estaing's offer to send French troops to restore peace in Lebanon was regarded here yesterday as a bid to boost France's influence throughout the Middle East and particularly to appease the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

Giscard made his proposal in New Orleans on Friday on the last leg of his official visit to the U.S. He is due home today, after a brief stopover in the French West Indies.

The French President's offer depends on a direct request from Lebanon's new President Elias Sarkis and the approval of all parties in the current conflict, following announcement of a cease-fire.

Thus, the arrival of French units in Lebanon is by no means imminent. It would certainly be preceded by a resumption of the peace mission of France's veteran diplomat Georges Gorse, who hopes to return to Beirut this week.

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## THIS WEEK at the TEL AVIV MUSEUM

### SYMPOSIUM

On Thursday, May 27, at 8.30 p.m., there will be a symposium on "The Role of the Family III," with the participation of occupational therapists and psychiatrists. Organizer: Dr. Gila Balas of Tel Aviv University. The symposium is being held in conjunction with the Art and Psychotherapy Exhibition. Entry free for members of the Museum Association — ILL; for others — ILL.

### LECTURES

Subscription Lecture Series No. 3, "From Surrealism to Kinetic Art"; Lecture No. 4, Monday, May 24, 8.30 p.m., Mally Kaufmann Auditorium, evening of abstract art films; opening remarks: Thalia Bishet of the Tel Aviv Museum.

### CONCERTS

Saturday, May 29, 8.30 p.m. Under the patronage of Mr. Shlomo Lahat, Mayor of Tel Aviv-Yafo, The Philadelphia Chamber Orchestra will perform with The Moskovy Soloists; American Bicentennial Concert; conductor: Mark Mostovoy. Programme: Corelli — Concerto Grossi; Ben Haim Rhapsody for Piano and Strings (premiere performance in Israel); Britten — Simple Symphony; H. Beethoven — Elegy II; Dittersdorf — Concerto for Cello-bass and Orchestra; Mozart — Elze Klicke Nachtmusik.

### MOVIE MARATHON

In cooperation with the Israel Museum and the German Embassy, on Tuesday, May 25, 8.30-10.30 p.m., a marathon of plastic art, dance and music films; entrance fee — ILL. Visiting hours for both buildings: Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (library 10 a.m.-4 p.m.); Tue. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; (library 10 a.m.-4 p.m.); Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (library 10 a.m.-4 p.m.); Sat. 7-11 p.m. The Museum will be closed Saturday morning.

Beginning June, 1976, Tel Aviv Museum will be open on the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. free of charge; on Saturday, June 5, the Museum will be open free of charge. Please follow the Museum's notices appearing every Sunday in the Press.

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Concerts scheduled to take place in Haifa on May 24, in Tel Aviv on May 26, and in Jerusalem on May 29, have been postponed because of illness in the family of the conductor, Luciano Berio

Watch for notices giving new dates of concerts.

## Around the world

### Sterling still sliding

LONDON. — Amid British Government insistence that its currency is being undervalued, the pound has had its worst day since the start of the current decline two months ago.

Sterling shed nearly three cents on Friday, closing in London at \$1.7820.

Intervention by the Bank of England, which raised its minimum lending rate by one point to 11.5 per cent in a bid to make deposits more attractive, did not stem the decline.

In late trading in New York the pound continued to lose ground and closed at 1.7750. Sterling has now lost 40 per cent of its value against the dollar in five years.

### Three bombs on Belfast train

BELFAST. — A 30-year-old woman was killed and 10 other persons injured in a triple bomb attack on a train on Friday, police said.

They said all the casualties were from a two-kilo bomb which hit up in the first car of the Bangor to Portadown train at Broomha 25 kms. south of Belfast. They said the car was seriously damaged and part of the Belfast to Dublin mainline ripped up. A second bomb was found in the debris and defused, the army said.

The third bomb was hidden in a knapsack which was spotted by the fatal blast and thrown out of a window by a train inspector went off minutes later on the embankment at Britannia Station the outskirts of Belfast, as security men were clearing the area.

Police said one officer was caught in the blast and hospitalized with a shock.

### California bus crash kills 28

MARTINEZ, California. — Twenty-eight persons were killed on Friday when a bus carrying a high school choir smashed through a guard rail and plummeted to concrete 10 metres below.

The California Highway Patrol, which provided the figure on number of deaths, said the driver lost control of the bus while negotiating a sharp turn. The bus roof was flattened when it landed up down, crushing victims in their seats.

The vehicle was carrying 53 persons, including two faculty advisers to the Yuba City High School choir, rescue officials said. The school about evenly divided between girls and boys, was on its way to a at another school.

### Soviet spy ship off Japan

TOKYO. — A 900-ton Soviet spy ship sailed to within 20 kilometres of Japan yesterday, the Defence Agency reported. It was the second Soviet spy vessel spotted off Japan this month.

The ship was apparently conducting electronics surveillance on Japanese coastal defence system, the Agency said. The Soviet East Fleet is believed to have 15 spy ships, but none of them appear near Japan until last year. Air reconnaissance by the Soviets has been frequently reported.

### Six killed in Soviet quake

MOSCOW. — Six people were killed in the earthquake that destroyed the central Asian town of Gazli last Monday, the Soviet Communist party daily "Pravda" said yesterday.

"Pravda" said two people died in the desert town itself. Four others three of them women, died at a compressor station at the head of a natural gas pipeline. Less than 100 of Gazli's 13,000 population were injured.

"Pravda" said that Gazli, in Soviet Uzbekistan, was evacuated after a previous quake on April 8, which cracked walls and caused suicides. The people were living outside the towns in tents and caravans and this was the reason for the low casualty rate.

### Oil spill blackens Spanish coast

LA CORUNA, Spain. — The government on Friday declared a disaster area along a 130-kms. stretch of northeastern shoreline blacker by oil from a Spanish tanker that ran aground and exploded on May 17.

The spill destroyed marine life, putting an estimated 5,000 clams, mussels, oysters, and lobster fishermen out of work. A massive cleanup was under way but may take several weeks. Last week, Prof. Francisco Bermejo of Santiago de Compostela University estimated damage caused by the spill at \$75m.

### DDR abandons reunification

EAST BERLIN. — East Germany's ruling Socialist Unity (Communist) Party yesterday adopted a code of rules and aims for binding it to the Soviet Bloc and abandoning the cause of German reunification.

Nearly 2,500 delegates to the Ninth Party Congress gave it unanimous approval to the new party programme and statute and also confirmed the entire top leadership in power for another five years.

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# J'lem Betar closes in as B'sheba loses point

By PAUL KOHN  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

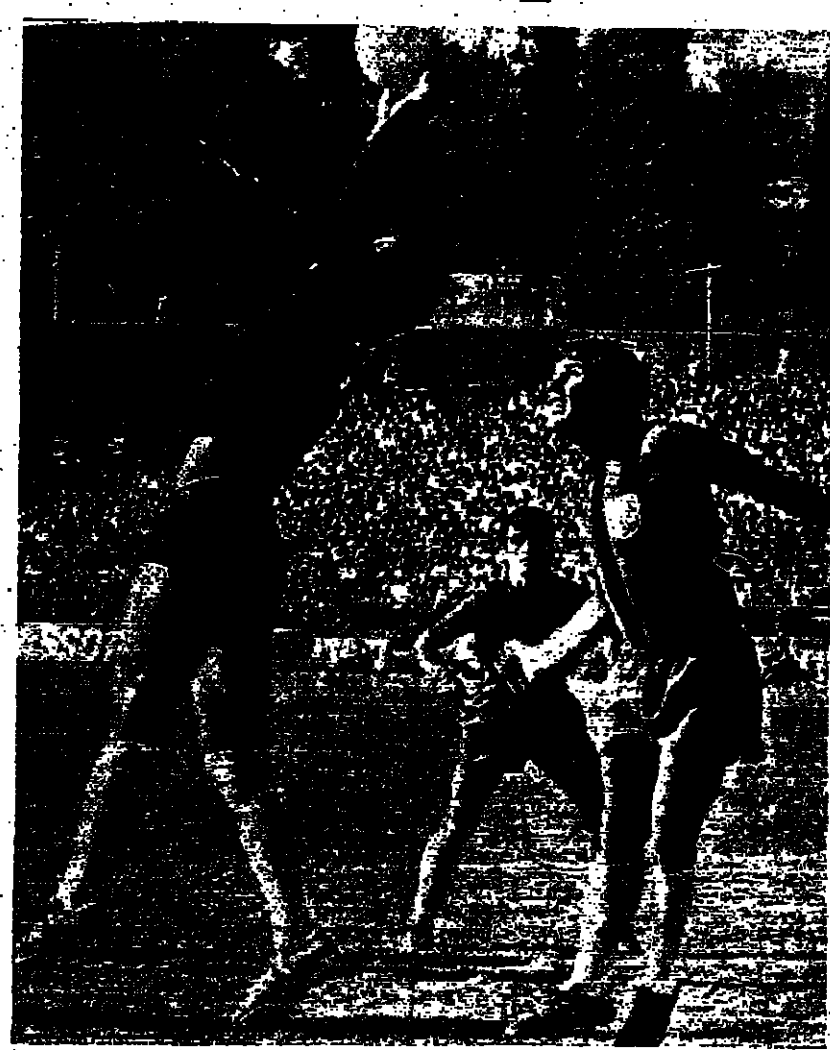
EL AVIV. — Jerusalem Betar yesterday beat Be'er Sheva 3-1, scoring their fourth consecutive win and rising to within two points of National League leaders Be'er Sheva Hapoel, and with a superior goal average.

Be'er Sheva Hapoel were held at bay to a scoreless draw by Netanya Maccabi, and have now gone 10 league games without a win.

Last week's game appeared to be a foregone conclusion, as Be'er Sheva Hapoel, who drew 1-1 away to Tel Aviv Hapoel, were 4 points behind Be'er Sheva Hapoel, still with an outside chance for a title.

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Jaffa Maccabi custodian Harel Kavillo gets there first to thwart Jerusalem Hapoel strikers Zion Turgeman (right) and Yacov Busaglo during tense moment in yesterday's scoreless tie in Jerusalem. (Israeli)

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The Southern Division race is on a hotter, with Tel Aviv Hapoel and Hapoel level on points, but both leaders drew yesterday: Hapoel in Dimona, 2-2, and Hapoel at home to Ashdod Hapoel.

At the Hapoel quarter, some of the clash between the home side, Tel Aviv Hapoel, and visitors still aiming for the championship, it was Be'er Sheva Hapoel who took the lead after five minutes.

Avraham Akbar scored after free kick taken by Elad Ben-Zion. But Be'er Sheva Hapoel's class was not all that obvious, as Elad Ben-Zion took control in mid-field. The Be'er Sheva equalizer came just before half time from a header by Yoni Dvir, netting a David pass.

In the 57th minute, Be'er Sheva Hapoel's goalkeeper Ronni Wassersprung was injured and replaced by the 17-year-old, Yitzhak Zahavi. A few minutes later, Uri Marmorek scored for Be'er Sheva Hapoel. Another minute, and David Ishay put the ball beyond doubt when brushing a pass from David Hacham.

Strong Neger winds buffeted the line in Be'er Sheva, making it difficult to control the ball. Twelve minutes later, Be'er Sheva Hapoel's goalkeeper Ronni Wassersprung was injured and replaced by the 17-year-old, Yitzhak Zahavi. A few minutes later, Uri Marmorek scored for Be'er Sheva Hapoel. Another minute, and David Ishay put the ball beyond doubt when brushing a pass from David Hacham.

## MATCH OF THE WEEK: Shimshon edges Petah Tikva to douse relegation threat

By DUDLEY KESSEL

Thanks to Yoni Dvir's 21st minute winner against Petah Tikva Hapoel, Shimshon have moved well clear of the dreaded 15th spot in the National League table, and can coast to the end of the season. But Petah Tikva find themselves in real danger of relegation after yesterday's dismal performance.

With both sides desperate for points, the 2,500 spectators at Petah Tikva's municipal stadium might have expected a rough game. It proved indeed to be a hard-fought affair, but most of the lengthy stoppages were caused by accidental injuries rather than deliberate fouling.

Avraham Klein, who will be one of Israel's referees in the Montreal Olympics, managed to keep tight control despite some minor over-zealousness, but he can hardly be blamed for not spotting, in the final minute of the first half, a vicious attack by the Petah Tikva defender Salim Cohen on the young Shimshon forward, Cohen, which occurred behind his back and a long way off the ball. Cohen was laid low, and the Petah Tikva coach had the good sense to immediately put the offending player off the field, thereby cooling what could have developed into an explosive situation.

Injury stoppages apart, the game was marked by the number of clear chances squandered by the Shimshon forwards. Petah Tikva held clear territorial advantage for long periods but Shimshon, with typical and frequent fast breakaways, was the more dangerous side.

In the 15th minute Gidon Dami, Shimshon's international striker and star of the national team in Seoul, was forced to leave the field for treatment of a leg injury. He returned dramatically two minutes later, when he helped pave the way for the crucial goal.

Trapping the ball as it shot clear from a scramble at the home team's goalmouth, he tipped it to Musur, who beat a defender and neatly slipped the leather into the net between the legs of the advancing Wisoker, the national custodian.

Only a few minutes earlier the keeper had cleverly left his line to block Musur's shot when he had been put clean through.

Having done his bit, Dami now left the pitch for the rest of the afternoon.

Petah Tikva sought to intensify the pace, but only twice in the first half actually came anywhere near equalising. In the 28th minute Shabari centred beautifully from the right, and Bostkowsky's bullet-like header ricocheted just past the upright. Five minutes from the interval, another good buildup saw Remler's fine shot punched clear by Digny. The veteran Shimshon goalie excelled, without making a single slip. The shortest keeper in the league, he proved that this was no disadvantage, and time and again punched well clear when things were looking harsh for his defence.

At the start of the second half the home team again sought to set the pace, but the Shimshon defence had little difficulty in containing the attacks.

With the minutes ticking away, the anxiety in Hapoel's play became more apparent. Shimshon might well have moved further ahead but Musur and Eli Cohen both failed to capitalise when they had only Wisoker to beat.

## STANDINGS

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

|                      | W  | D  | L  | G     | Pts |
|----------------------|----|----|----|-------|-----|
| 1. Be'er Sheva Hap.  | 13 | 5  | 6  | 35:27 | 26  |
| 2. Jerusalem Betar   | 11 | 10 | 5  | 46:20 | 27  |
| 3. Hapoel Hapoel     | 12 | 10 | 7  | 27:29 | 26  |
| 4. Jerusalem Hap.    | 12 | 9  | 7  | 27:29 | 26  |
| 5. Tel Aviv Hap.     | 12 | 9  | 10 | 35:30 | 28  |
| 6. Shimshon          | 9  | 15 | 7  | 25:31 | 23  |
| 7. Tel Aviv Betar    | 11 | 11 | 9  | 35:35 | 23  |
| 8. Netanya Maccabi   | 10 | 8  | 11 | 41:37 | 22  |
| 9. Kfar Saba Hap.    | 10 | 13 | 9  | 32:35 | 22  |
| 10. Tel Aviv Hapoel  | 10 | 11 | 10 | 22:24 | 21  |
| 11. Hakoah           | 9  | 13 | 9  | 25:32 | 21  |
| 12. Petah Tikva Hap. | 10 | 10 | 11 | 23:34 | 20  |
| 13. Hapoel Hapoel    | 8  | 14 | 9  | 22:35 | 20  |
| 14. Hapoel Hapoel    | 8  | 14 | 9  | 22:35 | 20  |
| 15. Petah Tikva Hap. | 8  | 10 | 10 | 24:37 | 19  |
| 16. Hakoah           | 8  | 13 | 10 | 20:24 | 18  |
| 17. Be'er Sheva Hap. | 8  | 12 | 13 | 26:41 | 18  |
| 18. Ramat Hapoel     | 8  | 10 | 15 | 15:23 | 16  |
| 19. Ramat Hapoel     | 8  | 10 | 15 | 15:23 | 16  |

### LEAGUE "A" NORTH LEADERS

|                     |    |    |   |       |    |
|---------------------|----|----|---|-------|----|
| 1. Be'er Sheva Hap. | 12 | 5  | 5 | 45:13 | 43 |
| 2. Netanya Maccabi  | 10 | 10 | 3 | 40:16 | 43 |
| 3. Ramat Hapoel     | 10 | 10 | 3 | 42:16 | 40 |
| 4. Hakoah           | 10 | 9  | 3 | 33:25 | 38 |
| 5. Netanya Hapoel   | 12 | 9  | 9 | 49:27 | 31 |
| 6. Hakoah           | 8  | 15 | 7 | 27:31 | 31 |

### LEAGUE "A" SOUTH LEADERS

|                     |    |    |   |       |    |
|---------------------|----|----|---|-------|----|
| 1. Yehud Hapoel     | 14 | 11 | 4 | 43:21 | 39 |
| 2. Hapoel Hapoel    | 15 | 9  | 5 | 41:21 | 39 |
| 3. Hapoel Hapoel    | 13 | 11 | 5 | 40:18 | 37 |
| 4. Sheararim        | 14 | 9  | 7 | 28:39 | 37 |
| 5. Be'er Sheva Hap. | 13 | 10 | 7 | 28:39 | 34 |
| 6. Ashdod Hapoel    | 10 | 13 | 6 | 29:33 | 23 |

## ALI CHALLENGER, BONAVENA, SHOT DEAD IN RENO

RENO.—Heavyweight fighter Oscar Bonavena was shot and killed early yesterday in front of the nearby Mustang Ranch brothel, sheriff's deputies said.

Bonavena, 33, a native of Argentina, was one of the top contenders for Muhammad Ali's world heavyweight championship.

Booked for investigation of homicide was William Ross Bryner, 31, of Lockwood, Nevada. No details were available on what led to the shooting.

# Montreal's total Olympic costs now soar to \$1,500m.

By HARRY JAKUBOVICH

Special to The Jerusalem Post

MONTREAL. — The cost of the Olympic stadium will be more than \$525m, by the time it is completed, according to top sources on the site.

The figure does not include the cost of the Velodrome or the Olympic Village.

Total Olympic costs would now exceed \$1,500m, and the deficit would be almost \$1,100m.

The last official stadium estimate, given in September, was \$56m, although recent speculation was that it might go as high as \$650m.

The increase to \$525m was attributed to frost and technical problems, as well as a "winter heating bill" of \$500,000 a day.

The new estimate indicates that close to \$700m will have been spent on the stadium by the time the Games are underway, with an additional \$125m required to complete the main and membrane roof once the Games are over.

The cost, almost seven times the original estimate, does not include any financing costs.

Among the items where expenditure has risen are the stadium parking lots, which jumped from \$55m to \$75m, the stadium main, which, completed, from \$60m to \$100m, and the Olympic swimming pools, from \$30m to \$50m.

One of the most dramatic cost increases, the sources said, was keeping the stadium and its workers warm during the winter — about \$60m.

Heated wooden shelters were erected and dismantled daily, and even

hourly, to keep the stadium's components warm at all times. This work was time consuming and is estimated to have cost \$500,000 a day in labour throughout the four winter months.

Another unexpected cost proved to be the formwork in the mast, estimated at \$25m. Formwork normally costs about \$3 a square foot and occasionally goes as high as \$10, but the Olympic mast hit an unprecedented \$47 a square foot because of the complex design and the lack of time.

Enormous radial beams cracked frequently and their repair was a costly and time-consuming process that held up work throughout the stadium, the sources said.

Ducts through which the stadium's pre-stressed cables pass froze, and engineers scrambled to find ways to unblock them. Eventually, a special anti-freeze was developed, as well as a means of conducting electric current through the cables — the first time either technique has been used anywhere in the world.

Later, the ducts proved impossible to align properly, costing yet more time, and it was not until February and March of this year that work finally started progressing rapidly.

With the great amount of idle time during the winter months, crane costs rose to more than \$40m. Overtime also figured largely, accounting for close to three-quarters of the project's winter wages.

Quebec Province's Finance Minister Raymond Gagneau is expected to announce an increase in the provincial sales tax to 10 per cent to help pay off the Olympic deficit — the deficit is currently estimated at \$900m, but the new increase in stadium costs would likely take it over the billion dollar mark.

(Reuters)

## Athletes breaking security rules 'risk being shot'

MELBOURNE.—Olympics Games competitors risk being shot if they try to break security in Montreal, the Australian representative on the International Olympic Committee said here.

The official, David McKenzie, a former champion fencer, told Reuters: "It's no joke this time because of the massacre of Israelis in Munich four years ago."

He added that he had told Australian team officials of the tight security arrangements, involving 16,000 police and troops, so that the risks be made clear to the 250-strong Australian team.

"There must be no pass-wagging or climbing over fences," he declared, and anyone caught climbing a security fence "obviously would risk being shot."

Anyone using what has been called "good old Australian initiative" to beat the security could mean someone being shot.

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## Roth second in 100-m. hurdles in Cologne

COLOGNE.—Esther Roth of Israel clocked 13.44 seconds to finish second in the 100 metres hurdles at an international athletics meeting here on Friday night.

The event was won by East German world record-holder Annelie Ehrhardt in 13.06.

In Kiev, USSR, Sonia Lannaman of Britain clocked the fastest time ever recorded when she ran 100 metres in 10.75 seconds here yesterday.

But Miss Lannaman's feat will not go forward for ratification as a world record because of a following wind of 3.6 metres a second — 1.8 metres a second beyond the permitted limit.

(Reuters)

## Aussie mermaid, mostly topless, circles H'kong

HONG KONG. — Former Australian Olympic star Linda McGill yesterday became the first person to swim around Hong Kong Island — swimming most of the way topless.

She accomplished the feat in 17 hours, 1 minute, and told a crowd that greeted her on the beach: "My main problem was boredom and jelly fish."

Her manager, John Foley, said she also had to battle rough seas and high waves that tossed her around and slowed her down. He estimated she swam more than her originally planned 45 km.

She told reporters she removed the top portion of her bikini about 8 km. after she started, when she was bothered by the strap, and swam topless until she approached the finishing line. She then donned a T-shirt passed to her by friends aboard her escort boat.

(Reuters)

## Kishimoto easily wins Chairman's golf tourney

JERUSALEM Post Sports Reporter

CAESAREA. — Yosh Kishimoto of the UN in Jerusalem yesterday won the Chairman's Tournament at the Golf Club here with an outstanding 44 Stableford points, five clear of the nearest challenger, Monty Carmon of Ramat Hasharon.

Solly Friedman of Haifa and Shai Cohen of Savyon were tied in third place with 37 points.

In the traditional Chairman v. The Rest tournament, Marcus Mandel succeeded in beating 47 players, but 30 other golfers bettered his score.

Division "B" of the Stableford tournament was won by Edge Semmens of the British Council with 50 points, ahead of his neighbor, Dennis Goldstein of Herzliya Pituah, who returned the same number of points.

Monty Carmon won Friday's individual Stableford competition with 40 points.

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0, Netanya Maccabi 0; 1. Tikva Hapoel 0, Shimshon 0; 2. Maccabi 1, Tel Aviv Maccabi 1; 3. Jerusalem Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 4. Jerusalem Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 5. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 6. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 7. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 8. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 9. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 10. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 11. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 12. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 13. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 14. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 15. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 16. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 17. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 18. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 19. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 20. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 21. Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Be'er Sheva Hapoel 0; 22. 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FOR RENT hall, shops and offices in the new industrial area in Netanya. Tel. 03-33929, 03-34789.

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FOR TOURISTS, 3-room furnished apartment, Rehov Lincoln. Tel. 02-22402.

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3 Behov Strika, Tel Aviv (near 46 Behov Ben Yehuda). Information 4-530 p.m. Tel. 3352555

**Iriyat Tel Aviv-Yafo**

1. Public Tender 1976/mh — VACANCIES Municipal Services Manager. General Administration. Grade: 8-9 on academics' scale or yod-tet on unified scale.

2. Public tender 1975/mh — Headmaster of Municipal Vocational Secondary School Hei. Education Department.

3. Public Tender 1974/mh — Headmaster of the Korczak Municipal Vocational Secondary School Tet. Education Department.

Further particulars concerning the above tenders have been posted on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Personnel Department, Municipal Bldg., Elkar Malchei Yisrael and at Municipal Information Bureaus.

Applications on "Applicant for Vacant Position Questionnaire," with curriculum vitae and qualifying certificate enclosed, should be submitted to the Personnel Department in a sealed envelope marked with the tender number.

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Last date for submitting applications: June 2, 1976.

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Details from Mr. Politzer, Tel. 02-30201, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Haifa: 27.5. TOSCA 4. Puccini with the Zemanian soprano Victoria Tep

Tel Aviv: 7.6. Kiryat Bialik, Savoy Cinema: 10.6. SEWBOAT, Musical in English

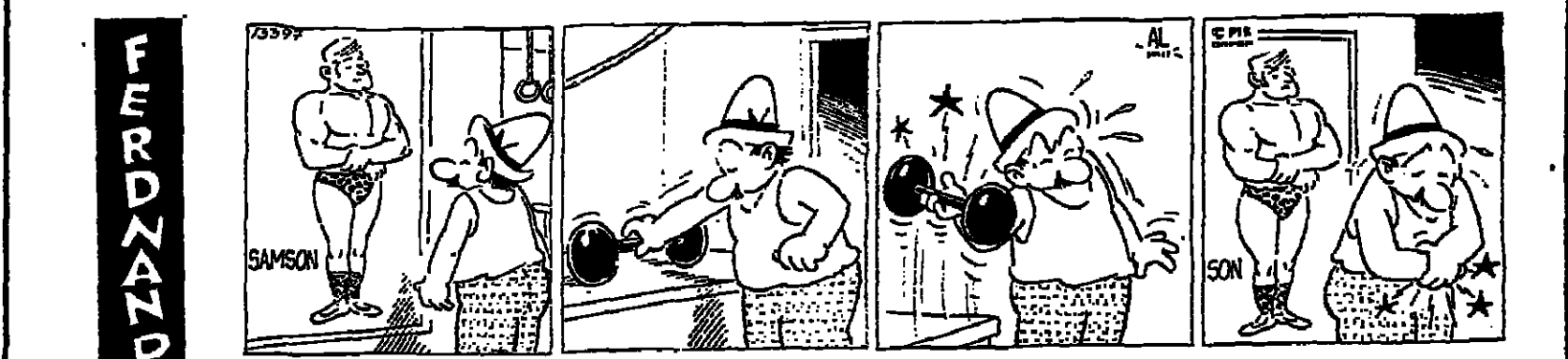
Tel Aviv: 1.6. MADAME BUTTERFLY • Puccini

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Introductory lectures in English will take place at: Tel Aviv — Tuesday, May 25, 1976, 8.00 p.m. at The International Meditation Society Centre, 9 Rehov Engel, Tel. 614676-7.



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**JERUSALEM**

**HADASSAH TOURS**

1. Medical Centre, 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 12.15 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. Last tour on Friday at 12.15 p.m. Kennedy Building. No charge. Buses 19 and 27.

2. Morning half-day tour of all Hadassah projects. \$3 per person (includes transportation). By reservation only. Tel. 415333.

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## Rom Carmel car has smoother lines

By ZEEV SCHUL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rom Carmel, the successor to Autocars of Haifa, are out to roll out their first new passenger car — a 1300 cc, four-seater sedan.

The new car will, like its predecessor, have a fibreglass body. It was designed by a panel of Technion experts and owes its British styling to industrial designer Arie Solomon — looking somewhat like a cross between a Volvo and a Triumph. It is finally easier on the eye than the awkward looking Dacia series which preceded it.

The car will probably sell for around IL45,000, that is, IL10,000 to 15,000 less than any import of similar size. It will be powered by 1287 cc engine of British manufacture with an 8:1 compression ratio, requiring 94 octane petrol. Its maximum output will be 53.5 hp at 5000 rpm. The car's four gears are all synchromeshed. Its brake system includes discs in front and conventional drum brakes in the rear.

The Rom 1300 will have an arched steel chassis supporting its

lateral glass-fibre reinforced body.

The four-door car — the first

regional car to have that many

doors — will feature bucket seats in

the first series will be available

in four shades: ivory white, red,

blue or blue. Standard equipment

includes blower ventilation, heating,

washers and back-up lights.

The first public display of the car

expected to take place in about a

month. Meanwhile the prototypes are

destined to be undergoing extensive

road tests.

Wall St. week

Market

refuses

to move

NEW YORK. — The stock market

moved off dead-centre for

fourth consecutive week, with

traders seemingly keeping their eyes

fixed on interest rates and money

market figures.

The Dow Jones industrial average

closed at 980.75. The week before

it dropped 3.62, two weeks ago

0.63, and before that, 3.58.

Analysts seemed divided into two

schools in interpreting the market's

in-long paralysis. The pessimists

appeared to be a majority, felt

market had gone about as far

it would in its 1975-76 rally that

the Dow climb some 400 points.

Others took the position that the

market was hanging tough in the

face of grim news, particularly the

sharp rise in short-term interest

rates and a rapidly climbing money

supply.

For the week, neither outcome

advanced by a 9-8 margin

ing New York stock exchange

issues.

The board volume totalled 91.87

million shares, down from 98.38 mil-

lion the previous week.

The market made no significant

moves either way until Thursday's

action, when it rallied to gain 8.37

points. In that session, traders put

their concern over rising in-

terest rates and responded to in-

vesting news about two of Wall Street's

major firms, Xerox Corp. and Exxon

Inc.

Interest rate worries took

re stage again on Friday, when

Dow Jones edged up 0.52. Touching off

concern was the market was

ing Thursday that the federal

reserve's basic money supply figures

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The new Rom 1300 car.

## VW and sinking German work morale

By JOHN DORNBERG

MUNICH. — Are the Germans, inventors of the work ethic, turning lazy?

That may be one explanation why Volkswagen, that most German of all German industrial institutions, after watching its export sales drop by more than half since 1970, has now opted for an assembly plant in the U.S.

The move — predicted and discussed for years — caught no one by surprise. Back in 1974 the corporation's chief executive, described it as "something we should have done in 1969."

Nonetheless, given VW's symbolic value in the West German industrial spectrum, the decision to start making some of its cars in the U.S. is more than merely a logical corporate move. It is comparable, in a way, to moving the Niederwald Monument, that colossal statue of Germania, from the banks of the Rhine to the Mississippi.

Nothing symbolizes West Germany's postwar recovery more dramatically than the Volkswagen story.

It began in the late 1930s as a massive Nazi swindle which fleeced some 335,000 gullible Germans of what was then the equivalent of \$225 with the promise that their investment in building a "People's Car" plant would ultimately give them an otherwise unobtainable automobile.

Instead, the factory turned out jeeps and armaments and no German got to see his hoped-for car. Until the postwar Allied occupation — when along came a merchant prince, Heinrich Nordhoff, a U.S.-trained former executive of General Motors' German subsidiary, whom British occupation authorities installed as general manager of the VW's bomb-damaged plant.

Nordhoff had some Marshall Plan aid to help him along with a unique ability for combining American assembly-line and hard-sell techniques with the Protestant work ethic and such typically Frisian virtues as thrift and authoritarian management. His motto was: "Work hard, don't boast, and be bigger than you look."

That combination produced one of the great success stories of automotive history. Once selling more than 500,000 units annually on the U.S. market, the "beetle" became synonymous with the Wirtschaftswunder, the German "economic miracle."

Contrary to popular notion, however, miracles come to an end.

The widely accepted explanation

for the big drop in U.S. sales is that devaluation of the dollar and revaluation of the German mark simply priced VW out of the market. The car which cost about \$1,500 in 1970, when the exchange rate was about four marks to the dollar, now sells for \$3,500.

But VW is hardly unique in this respect. There are deeper causes for Germany's mounting difficulties on foreign markets.

It costs the Germans more to produce their goods because these origins of the work ethic seem to have taken an indefinite breather. Social legislation and labour-management negotiations over the past decades have enabled the German worker to spend less time on the job — and still get paid for it — than anyone else in the Western world.

VW's management, for example, estimates that workers in its new U.S. plant will be spending 35 to 40 days more on the assembly line each year than those in the company's German factories.

PAID VACATIONS

Average annual paid vacations of four weeks are one factor. Another is the inordinate number of paid holidays each year — a total of 16. Not only do the Germans celebrate nearly every major and minor religious holiday, but they celebrate twice as long as anyone else.

Christmas lasts three days. Easter is not just Sunday, but legally a Monday too, and because Good Friday is also a legal holiday, the whole event is a four-day week, and which many people stretch to six by taking off the preceding Thursday and following Tuesday as well. Then there's Whit Sunday followed by Whit Monday, May Day, Corpus Christi Day, German Unity Day, All Souls, and so on — all official paid holidays.

Nearly all Germans are also entitled to six weeks of paid annual sick leave, often culminated by a month's long paid Kur — a convalescent leave at a spa. This is frequently followed by an additional period of Schenkezeit — a post-convalescent period during which the "patient" must not be overworked.

The sick-leave system is highly flexible. Take the book-keeper who recently returned from his sick leave and announced: "I think I'll postpone my Kur until September. The spas in Italy are more pleasant and less crowded then."

In 1973, the latest year for which statistics are available, every industrial worker in the country reported sick for an average of 18

days — and naturally got paid.

Although this particular kind of absenteeism has diminished in the past 18 months or so as a consequence of rising unemployment and declining job security, there remains an almost pathological German preoccupation with *Ferienzeit* — quitting and leisure time. The phenomenon is not new. More than a decade ago then-Chancellor Ludwig Erhard raised a storm of protest from labour by calling his countrymen "lazy."

Mechanization and automatization of industry, and the firing of more than two million foreigners helped compensate for declining individual productivity for many years. But now, it seems, a bill accrued over decades is becoming due. Volkswagen's decision to open a U.S. plant is part of the price.

But there is a reassuring thought for those future customers of U.S.-made VWs who may hesitate to purchase a car no longer "Made in Germany." Nearly one-quarter of VW's payroll is made up of foreign workers anyway — Turks, Greeks and Yugoslavs — only too willing to put in a day's work for a day's pay.

That raises an intriguing question: how "German" have all those cars been?

## COMPTRROLLER'S REPORT

### Traffic safety patrols 'reported' for failings

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Only three years after the establishment of traffic safety patrols were criteria fixed for acceptance of members, drawn from the ranks of students. Until then members were accepted on the basis of an interview, and a statement that they were students.

The result, the Comptroller finds, was that a person with a criminal record could be granted the authority of a policeman; in fact, one hit-and-run driver was accepted as a member of the patrol. Moreover, acceptance of unsuitable candidates led to a high drop-out rate. Those that remained hold as one of their main jobs "education of the driving public." But the bad manners characterizing some of them caused "arguments and bitter exchanges" with the public they were to educate.

## COMPTRROLLER'S REPORT

### Lax garage inspection

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Is your car sometimes a collection of rattling nuts and bolts? Does it refuse to start in the winter or boil over during the summer? The State Comptroller points to a possible reason: every garage should be inspected at least twice a year to make sure the buildings are suitable, the equipment right, and the staff trained.

But of the 2,589 "approved" garages in the country, only 2,154 inspections were made in 1974, or less than one inspection per garage per year. And in the Tel Aviv district, which has 1,422 approved garages, only 344 inspections were made in 1974.

The Transport Ministry claims it lacks manpower to observe its own regulations.

It also ignores its own rules regarding the suitability of buildings, equipment and manpower. These rules are enforced only for new garages, not those licensed in the past. This is surprising since there is a constant flow of new information about car repairs, and established garages can continue to repair cars without up-to-date knowledge — which has considerable implications for road safety, the Comptroller says.

The Ministry was asked why it did not compel established garages to obey these regulations. The answer was: it might mean closing down these garages or forcing them to move.

If the "approved" garages repair cars without being closely supervised by the Ministry, there are 637 "unapproved" and unlicensed garages in the country which go their merry way without even sporadic supervision. Opening files has little effect; in Tel Aviv, for example, three cases have been dragging on for more than ten years; another eight from five to ten years. In Haifa and Jerusalem the situation is only slightly better.

Even when "closure orders" are issued, they are not obeyed. For example, four garages were ordered closed in 1972, 15 in 1973, 33 in 1974 and 51 in 1975: all are still open and functioning.

As for the firms which check the conditions of used cars — four out of 17 had to be closed for lack of suitable equipment and trained manpower.

Auto statistics point up a reason for garage inefficiency: the number of cars on the roads increased between 1970 and 1974 by 53 per cent (to 408,300); but the number of garages increased only by 10 per cent, to 2,589, and the number of workers in garages increased by only 17 per cent to 29,624.



## Notice to Recipients of Child Allowance

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|---------------------------|-------------------|--|
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| 2                         | 230               | 230  |
| 3                         | 374               | 460  |
| 4                         | 523               | 729  |
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## Towards a new policy

TODAY'S Cabinet discussion of policy towards the Arab minority and the scheduled meeting of Prime Minister Rabin on Monday with heads of the Organization of Arab Local Council chairmen are long overdue developments.

In the past the government and other institutions dealing with the Arab community were content with policies that sought to ensure tranquillity in the Arab sector. This generally expressed itself in a policy of paternalistic support for the traditional leaders of Arab society. It was a feasible short-range policy for the 1950's and 60's. But the rise of a new generation of young Israeli Arab intellectuals — educated in Israeli schools — and the influence of anti-Israel Palestinian nationalism from across the vanished Green Line borders made the continuation of such a policy, and of the leadership it supported, untenable.

Israelis may quiver with rage at the inroads "Fatah" slogans and symbols have made into the minds of many young Israeli Arabs, but it must be admitted that part of the fault lies in Israel's failure to provide suitable alternative channels of expression to this new force. The result was that the field was abandoned to the insidious influence of the Arab Communist Party, which has lately taken on all the trappings of an irredentist party.

Alternatives do exist: the non-Communist Local Council chairmen and many young non-Communist and non-"Fatah" Arab intellectuals who have been waiting for a sign of government support for their resistance to the challenge of "Fatah" propaganda in the villages.

The fact that the proposals to be brought before the Cabinet today were formulated in consultation with many of these young Arab leaders, and that the Prime Minister is taking the first step in enlisting the support of the Local Council chairmen is to be welcomed as the sign of a new policy regarding leadership of the Arab sector.

The key word that has been bruited about since the dramatic occurrences of March 30 is integration. It should be clear, however, that integration is a two-way street. No government can successfully integrate a national minority without the full cooperation of the majority national group. It is essential that the dominant Jewish society, economy and polity be opened to welcome Arab Israelis who seek fuller personal and communal integration into Israel.

On the Arab side, however, it must be clearly understood that the Jewish majority in beleaguered Israel will not tolerate the slightest hint of "Fatah" fomented irredentism among Israel's Arabs. The main effect of hot-headed calls for "liberating Arab Galilee with blood" will be to close Jewish ears and hearts to legitimate Arab demands for more rapid material progress and social integration.

The responsible Arab leadership understands this. It is a point that must be brought home forcefully and clearly in policy and action. Regarding municipalities, for example, a two-pronged policy should be developed. Communist led municipalities such as Nazareth should be clearly given less preference than communities represented by leaders who have clearly opted for the course of integration into Israel.

Official dithering in regard to such events as last week's demonstration of Arab students on the Hebrew University campus should also be ended with a clearly enunciated policy that such acts will no longer be tolerated and that their repetition will result in expulsion from the university.

Israel, the tangible expression of humanistic Jewish political culture, cannot but act with magnanimity in according its minorities the opportunity to carve out meaningful and satisfying lives. But it must act with equal clarity in impressing upon those Arabs who have chosen the path of enmity to Israel that the price they will have to pay is the denial of these opportunities.

### ISRAEL PRESS

DAVAR (Histadrut) notes that the public, accustomed to the frequent minor devaluations, no longer panics or goes on buying sprees. The creeping devaluation prevents the major speculative fluctuations that went with anticipation of major devaluations in the past and gives a fair deal to importers and exporters. But even before the economy has adjusted itself to this new system, the Bank of Israel is considering a further financial revolution — linking the Israel pound to the "currency basket" instead of the dollar. A draft law to this effect has been presented to the Cabinet this week. "There may be room for minor changes in the system of creeping devaluations to prevent minor speculations, but to introduce linkage to the 'currency basket' instead of the dollar would involve far greater risks than benefits for the economy, and the idea should be dropped."

HA'ARETZ (independent), deploring "the practice of the leaders of Israeli society of hobnobbing with known violators of the law says: the political and social leadership does not regard known tax delinquents — even though caught and indicted — as bearing any stigma. They can be seen hobnobbing with the 'top people' at social gatherings." A case in point, according to the paper, is that of Motti Friedman, indicted by a court as guilty of grave tax violations and in fact under sentence of imprisonment and a heavy fine. Friedman, the paper notes, who is frequently consulted by Israel Radio as the country's "greatest expert on oil matters," was among the guests at the wedding this week of the Prime Minister's son — together with Cabinet Ministers and generals. "Such an invitation betrays the purpose of the punishment meted out by the court — to impose a stigma on those caught for tax evasions and to deter others." The paper calls for a change of attitude on the part of the higher echelon of Israeli society.

At Ha'aretz's (Mapam) discusses the remarks made by President Ford to Mrs. Meir, and says not too much importance should be attached to the assurances given: "These promises are in stark contradiction to Ford's previous statements, to the effect that Israel had already received all the financial aid it could expect."

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POLITICS naturally draws strong-willed personalities to compete for position, power and honour. The presence of large, mutually abrasive egos at the top of national politics is thus to be expected.

A much more unusual situation is presented by a Cabinet whose Prime Minister frequently gives vent to disparaging remarks about some of his leading Ministers who, in turn, make no secret of the fact that they consider themselves infinitely more suited than the incumbent for the top position.

The political crisis which erupted during the past week around the poisoned relations between Prime Minister Rabin and Defence Minister Peres, is an expression of the basically unstable situation which has been building up since the installation of the Rabin government two years ago.

On the Prime Minister's part, the crisis stems primarily from a continuing sense of insecurity concerning his prospects of keeping the premiership. This is a result of the narrow margin by which he was elected by the Labour Party Central Committee, and his subsequent failure to establish himself as the party's unquestioned leader.

As for Mr. Peres, he has never completely resigned himself to the decision which made him Number Two to Mr. Rabin.

The immediate crisis, which has been building up to a new level of intensity over the past few months, was set off by reports of the soundings made by Likud leaders to Mr. Peres, concerning the possibility of an alternative government which would be headed by him. While these approaches ended in nothing, Mr. Rabin has been reminded again of

the basic threat to his leadership.

AS UNEDIFYING and unsettling to the general public as such highly personalized politics may be, the crisis is not to be deplored entirely. It might provide the necessary push that our nearly paralyzed political system needs, provoking a much-needed soul searching and leading to changes being made before the strong foreign pressures predicted for the end of the year begin to be felt.

The personal reconciliation ostensibly effected between the two protagonists at mid-week has only postponed the eventual confrontation. The important point to keep in mind is that last week's events apparently breached the psychological barrier, in Labour Party circles, against the contemplation of far-reaching changes in leadership.

Alignment Knesset Members were actively engaged during the week in Prime Ministerial surreptakies, and in the assessment of alternative Cabinet make-ups. In response to the publicized reconciliation, the political crystal-gazers expressed their regretful conviction that "there will be a next time" but, this is the last time that we are willing to pass over such eruptions in silence.

The Labour Party has always been

# MORE THAN A FAMILY ROW

**The Rabin-Peres crisis is an inevitable result of the chronic failure of authority in the political system, writes YOSEF GOELL, who urges electoral change as a possible solution.**

reluctant to tamper with the laboriously worked out balance in the relationships between its top leaders. But it has managed to overcome this reticence whenever the central body of party functionaries perceived a mortal threat to its continued rule.

THE PROBLEM, however, goes much deeper than personal relationships at the top. It concerns the question of basic authority, or rather, the lack of it, which has been changing over Israel's leadership for the past fifteen years. Israel's extremely fragmented political system managed to work quite well before then, due to the influence of a domi-

nant figure like David Ben-Gurion. But even Ben-Gurion's authority was unquestioned only in so far as he kept within the bounds of defence and foreign policy, in which areas his primacy was acknowledged by the party. After Ben-Gurion stepped beyond these bounds, during the 1960-61 Lavon Affair, the non-viability of the system became obvious.

While it is generally acknowledged that Levi Eshkol was a weak premier, many are under the impression that strong central authority was restored to the political system under Golda Meir's premiership. This, however, is an illusion, because Mrs. Meir's personal authority was used primarily to dominate a party and a government which, under her leadership, was hell-bent on deciding not to decide, both in foreign and in domestic affairs.

SOMEWHAT surprisingly, it was this stultifying aspect of Israeli politics which was emphasized at the more after the Yom Kippur War and during the supposed political earthquake which it engendered.

Yitzhak Rabin was chosen to be Prime Minister partly because he was one of the few men at the top not to have been accused of responsibility

for the vicissitudes of the primarily because he was a political enemy — no one what and whom he was for or against.

This was ingenious as an excuse. But it is cause for deep concern two years later, when the try still has no idea as to who Prime Minister stands in regard to the major issues confronting it.

Mr. Rabin's stance of intense vagueness is dictated by the real of the political system. There is reason to suspect that a mere change in personalities at the top will not bring about the much-needed change in the rules of the game, which will restore the real modicum of authority needed to weld a new public consensus to express it in policy against the mal centrifugal tendencies of its politics.

THERE IS sufficient evidence to show that, since the demise of generation of Founding political leaders, the political system has found it impossible to elect its leaders with the necessary authority. The reasonable, native would seem to be the one which characterizes democratic systems: choosing top political leaders directly, in form or another, by the vote of the people.

Last week's crisis of person should not be papered over rather than to bring the political system to confront the urgent need to revamp the system in which it operates. This is essential to provide the country with leadership having legitimacy in the eyes of the public and the authority needed to lead it effectively.

### READERS' LETTERS

## Controversy over "The Passover Plot"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — In your Magazine of April 23 there appeared a double article about my book, "The Passover Plot," and the film being made purporting to be based on it. The first half of the article was by a Jewish journalist, mainly on the film, and the second half relating more particularly to the book was by a writer, presumably Christian, signing himself Oikoumenikos. Both contributions contain misleading statements, some of which reflect on my scholarship and integrity. The truth, therefore, must be stated as prominently.

First about the film. Sophie Kahn refers to past activities in 1973 and 1974 by Messrs Schmidt and Campus to arrange production of "The Passover Plot" film. I do not know how they could have done this when Atlas Films did not acquire the film rights of my book until July 1975.

It is then said that "the screenplay is faithful to the book of the same name." This, to my dismay, is not the case. In almost every particular the screenplay is contrary to my book and falsifies it, and I had not seen the shooting script until I came to Israel in February this year, by which time about half of the film had already been shot. It is publicly nonsense that the book "was denounced by the Vatican — has been translated into every major language — and has sold six million copies throughout the world." It appears that statements like this were made at a press conference in January according to reports at the time before my visit to Israel.

To continue. My interview with Sophie Kahn was in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and I made the absurd statement that "the word Christian was first used 200 years after the death of Jesus." She has further reported that the Second Temple interiors, used in the film, and which "took several months to build" were "entirely reconstructed under Schonfield's supervision." Before I came to Israel in February 1976, I had no information that these sets were being made, and they were

already completed by then. They could serve to give an impression, but decidedly did not scrupulously reproduce the historic original as I was not slow to point out. What is more, the ignorance of the film-makers was so profound that men and women worshippers are shown together instead of separated.

As relating to my book, then, the film is a travesty and displays very little concern for realism or the part of the scriptwriter or writers.

Your contributor, Oikoumenikos writes chiefly about the hypothesis I put forward in my book, "The Passover Plot," that Jesus planned to suffer on the cross but to escape death at the hands of his enemies. It is twice stated that I reject the New Testament record of Jesus' death and resurrection. This is misleading. There is not a New Testament record. The New Testament contains several records of the subject which differ materially from one another and present contradictions.

My book does not say anywhere that Jesus faked his resurrection, or — as Professor Flusser is credited with suggesting — planned to stage a scenario of his own death "to show he is the Messiah." His actions were not for the benefit of the faith of others, but out of conviction that the course he should pursue would be revealed to him if he himself proved faithful to his Messianic calling.

No respected scholars have ever debunked my book, as alleged. Several have tried and totally failed to produce a title of evidence. To make any objection stick, it would have to be convincingly demonstrated that to scheme was completely alien to the character of Jesus according to the New Testament. There are in fact in the Gospels a number of passages which convey the contrary. The most eloquent is given in the earliest Gospel, that of Mark. We are told there how, behind the backs of his disciples, Jesus had made secret arrangements with someone in Jerusalem to have the Passover supper at his house. The need for secrecy was obvious, so that none of

his followers should be able to give away the place to the authorities in advance. Only on the day concerned did he send two whom he trusted most into the city and told them what had been organized.

Where does "The Passover Plot" make Jesus "a deceptive schemer" in a bad sense. A schemer, yes, a brilliant planner, but a completely honest and sincere one. It is naturally difficult for Christians to grasp this because of their theology; but it is what has made my book so successful. Unfortunately, the film totally fails to bring out the greatness and brilliance of Jesus, which I deplore as much and more than anyone. But at least it must be known that I have nothing to do with this, and my honour and scholarship remain unimpaired.

LONDON. HUGH J. SCHONFIELD  
Sophie Kahn comments:  
I wish to thank Dr. Schonfield for correcting whatever inaccuracies appeared in my article about the filming of "The Passover Plot." The article was in accordance with verbal and written information given to me by both the Israeli and the American producers, as well as by the film's director, art director, publicity man and actors.

Oikoumenikos comments:  
At issue are two clearly opposing views: 1) The New Testament view which repeatedly asserts the centrality of two historic events in the life of Jesus, i.e., his death by crucifixion on a Roman cross, and his resurrection from death, versus 2) Schonfield's view, which claims that Jesus schemed to have himself crucified but did not die, hoping to appear as if risen from the dead. Schonfield's is the latest in a long line of attempts to discredit the New Testament record.

On the New Testament side are the narratives of Jesus' death and of 11 appearances following his resurrection, recorded by five different writers who present eye-witness reports of people from Jerusalem, Judea, and Galilee in the first century C.E. Even admitted textual questions and problems of correlation

cannot dim the reality of the resurrection event. The incidents in which Jesus was seen and heard after his death are too numerous, and the change in his followers from disbelief to the most enthusiastic proclamation is too remarkable to be simply dismissed for another hypothesis.

Schonfield claims that his "book does not say anywhere that Jesus faked his resurrection or... planned to stage a scenario of his own death 'to show he is the Messiah'." However, the book states that "Jesus plotted and schemed with the utmost skill and resourcefulness" (p.162), that "he would have to give every appearance of being dead" (p.163), and that Jesus was to be given a "drug" "to give the impression of premature death" (p.168). That certainly sounds like deception and faking to the ordinary reader.

Schonfield also asserts that "no respected scholars have ever debunked my book." To the contrary, Professor David Flusser of the Hebrew University, as one example, has labelled Schonfield's central hypothesis "absurd," as the article (April 23) stated from a recorded interview. In contrast to Schonfield's theory, Professor Flusser, in his book "Jesus," had previously written: "Jesus had neither subtly nor mythically worked out the idea of his own death from the ancient writings (of the Bible). The abstruse concepts to which it (this idea) can lead, if taken seriously, are shown in H.J. Schonfield's book 'The Passover Plot'." (p.98 and footnote)

Oikoumenikos joins Dr. Schonfield in regretting that, in his words, "the film is a travesty and displays very little concern for realism."

**PAYMENT OF HOTEL BILLS**  
To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Further to the letter of reader, Mr. Hersh Keldan (Ms please be advised of the following).  
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MICHAEL GUNDEL  
Spokesman  
Ministry of Tourism  
Jerusalem.

**PENFRIEND**  
ISRAELI BRANKEN (18), of De Deur, Transvaal, South Africa, would like to correspond with Israelis.  
BENNET KENNY (30), of 100, "S. Malvern Road, Old Br. Scunthorpe, S. Humbershire, England, was born in Bratislava. Lives with her husband and children in England. She would have Israeli penfriends and he likes are dressmaking, painting, pottery.

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Sir, — The allegation by Oikoumenikos (April 23) that Schonfield's "Passover Plot" "may provide a renewed impetus for anti-Semitism" is disgusting. No doubt there are many little Hamans in the Christian world ready to lash out at the entire Jewish people — like their biblical prototype — because of threats to their emotional security posed by individual Jews. Oikoumenikos can hardly expect Israeli Jews to be intimidated by their potential wrath over the speculations involved in the "Plot."

Dr. Schonfield (who was actually a leading Hebrew-Christian several decades ago) has chosen to go the way of Demos. This has undoubtedly caused regret to believers, and may raise questions concerning his objectivity. It should hardly raise the bogey of anti-Semitism.

Oikoumenikos also cites Professor David Flusser, an observant Jew and a New Testament authority, who considers Schonfield's theory as "absurd" and charges Schonfield with "ignorance of the Judaism of

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